

Radiation effects in the LHC experiments: Impact on detector performance & operation

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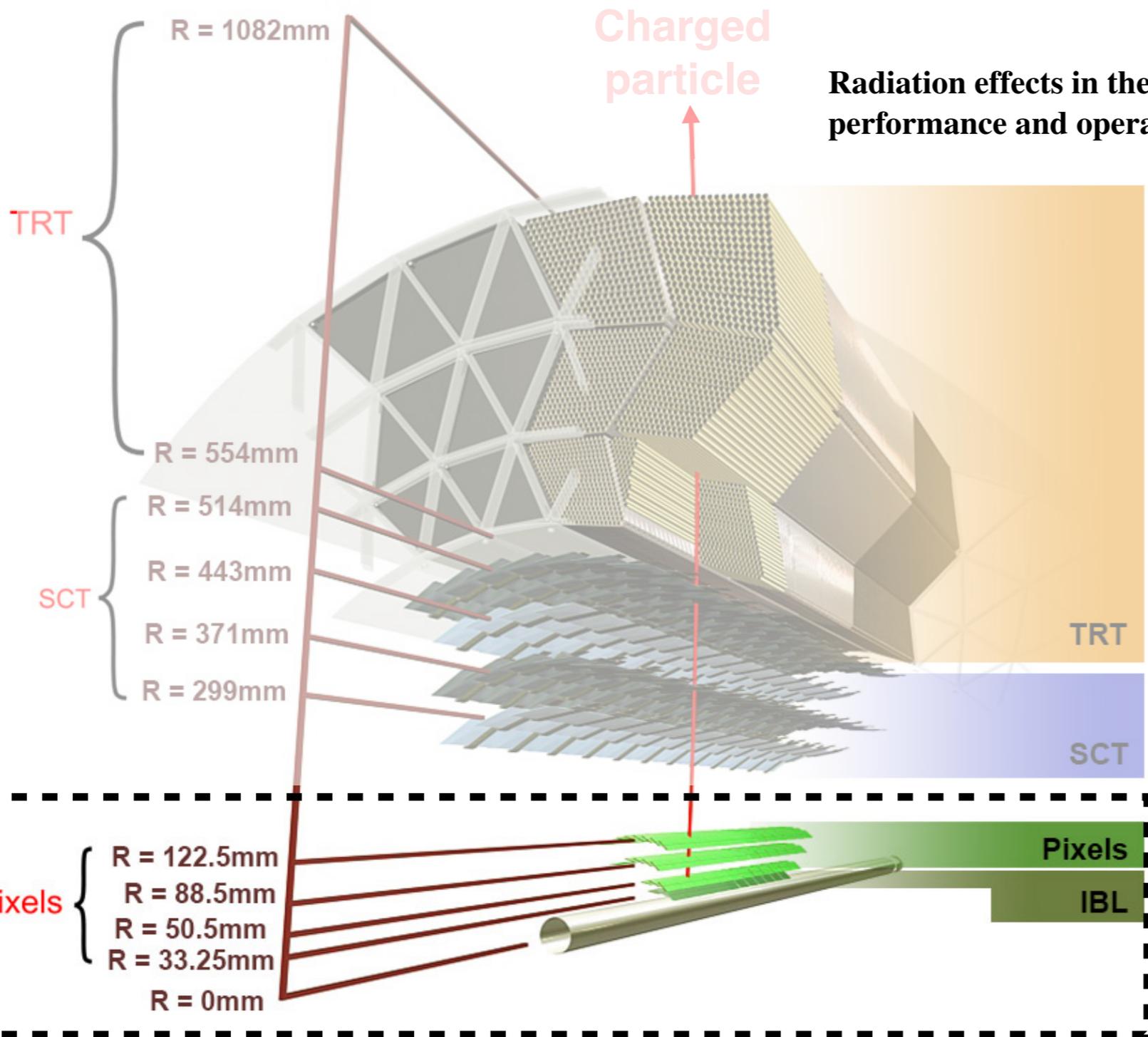
Abstract

This report documents the knowledge and experiences gained by the LHC experiments in running detector systems in radiation environments during 2010–2018, with a focus on the inner detector systems. During this time, the LHC machine has delivered a large fraction of the design luminosity to the experiments and the deleterious effects of radiation on detector operation are being observed and measured. It is timely to review the findings from across the experiments. Questions we aim to answer include: Are the detector systems operating and performing as expected? How reliable are the radiation damage models and predictions? How accurate are the Monte Carlo simulation codes? Have there been unexpected effects? What mitigation strategies have been developed? A major goal of this report is to provide a reference for future upgrades and for future collider studies, summarizing the experiences and challenges in designing complex detector systems for operation in harsh radiation environments.

Keywords

Radiation effects; LHC experiments; radiation environments; simulation; modelling; detectors; electronics.

Overview

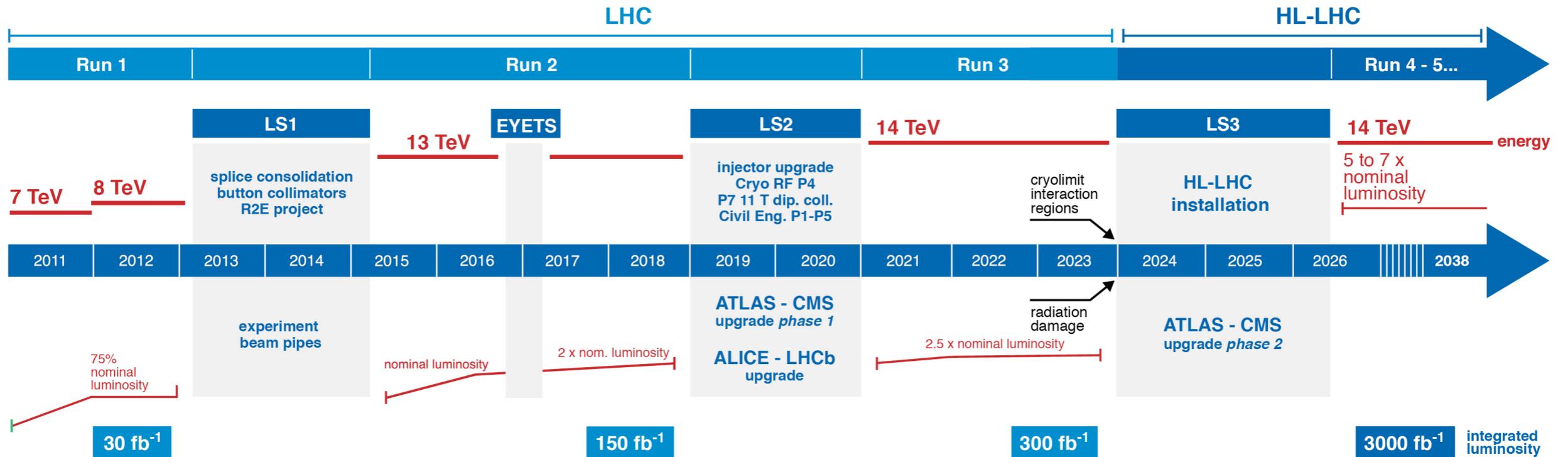


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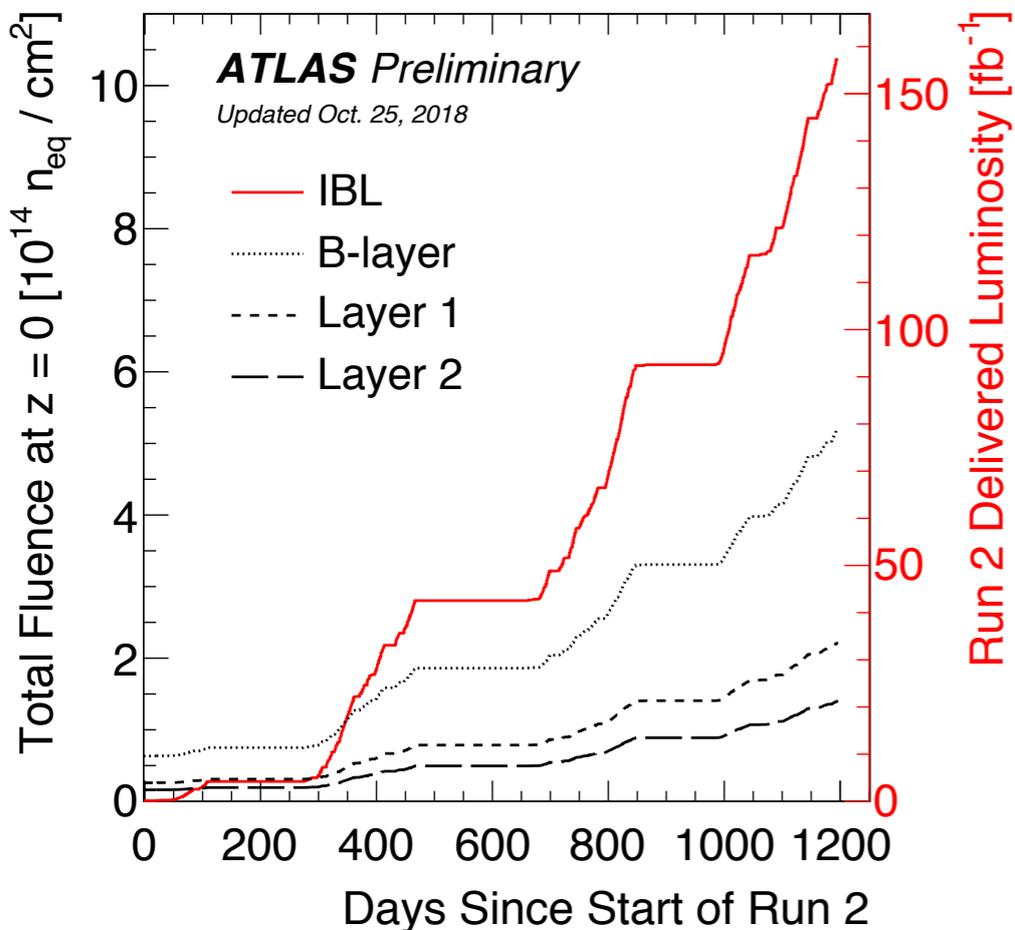
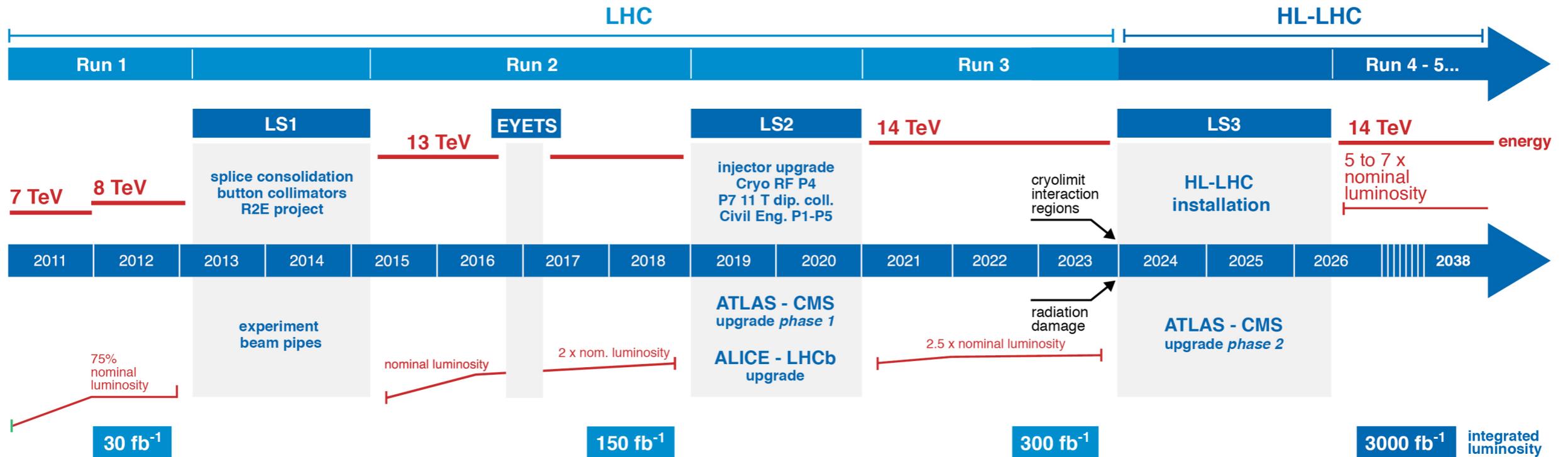
mostly silicon detectors

(closest to the interaction point = most radiation damage)

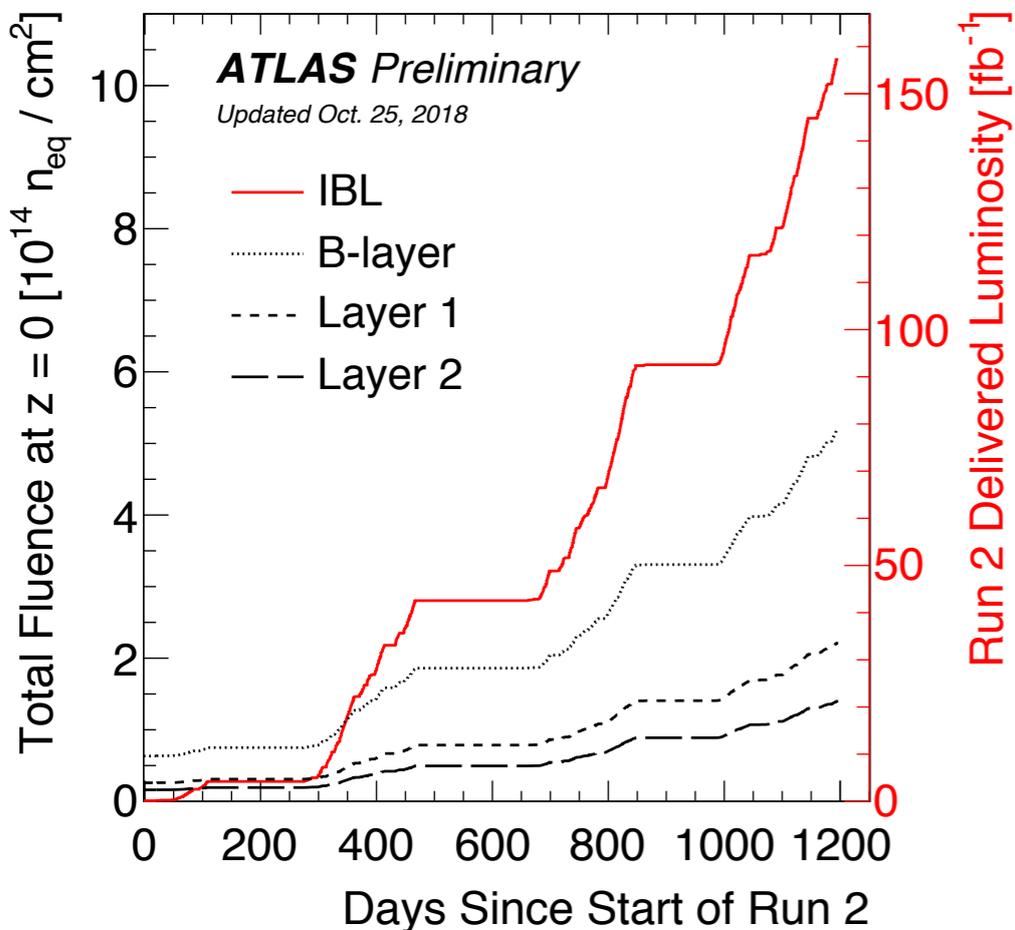
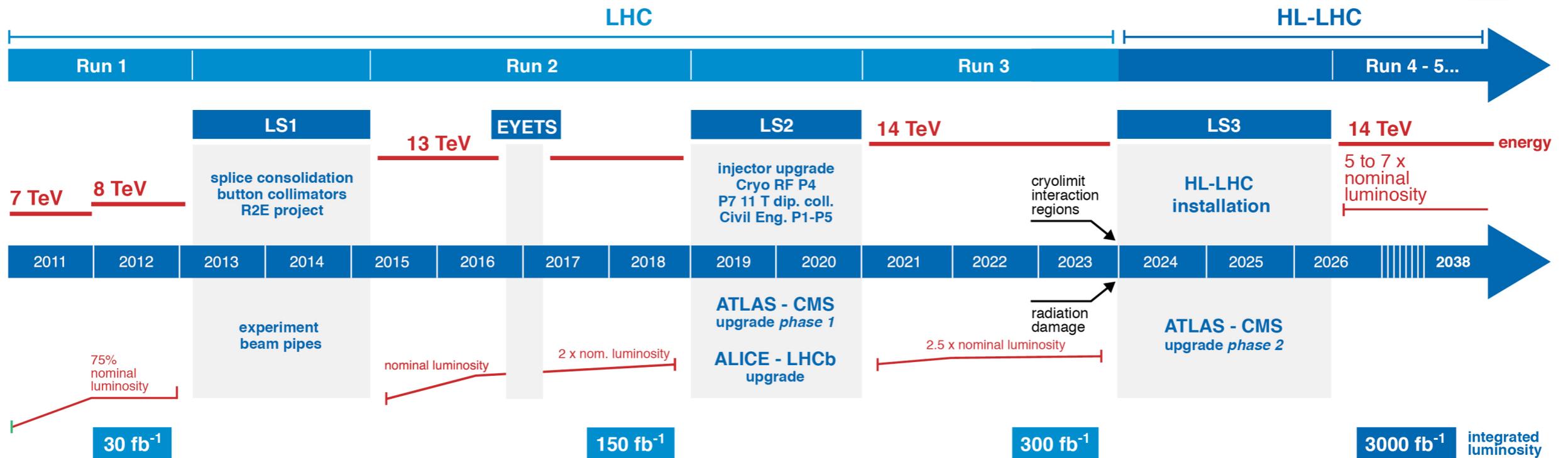
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 10^{15} 1 MeV n_{eq}/cm^2 !

We have huge, irradiated detectors
 to inform Run 3 / HL-LHC / beyond

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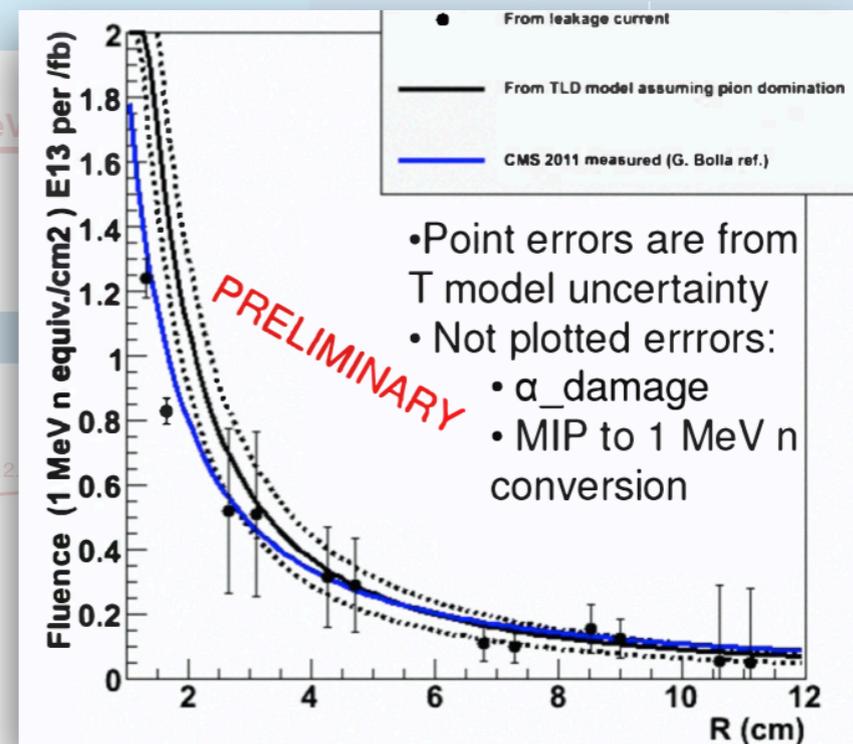
Tevatron: $\sim 10^{14}$ n_{eq}/cm²

HL-LHC: $\sim 10^{16}$ n_{eq}/cm²

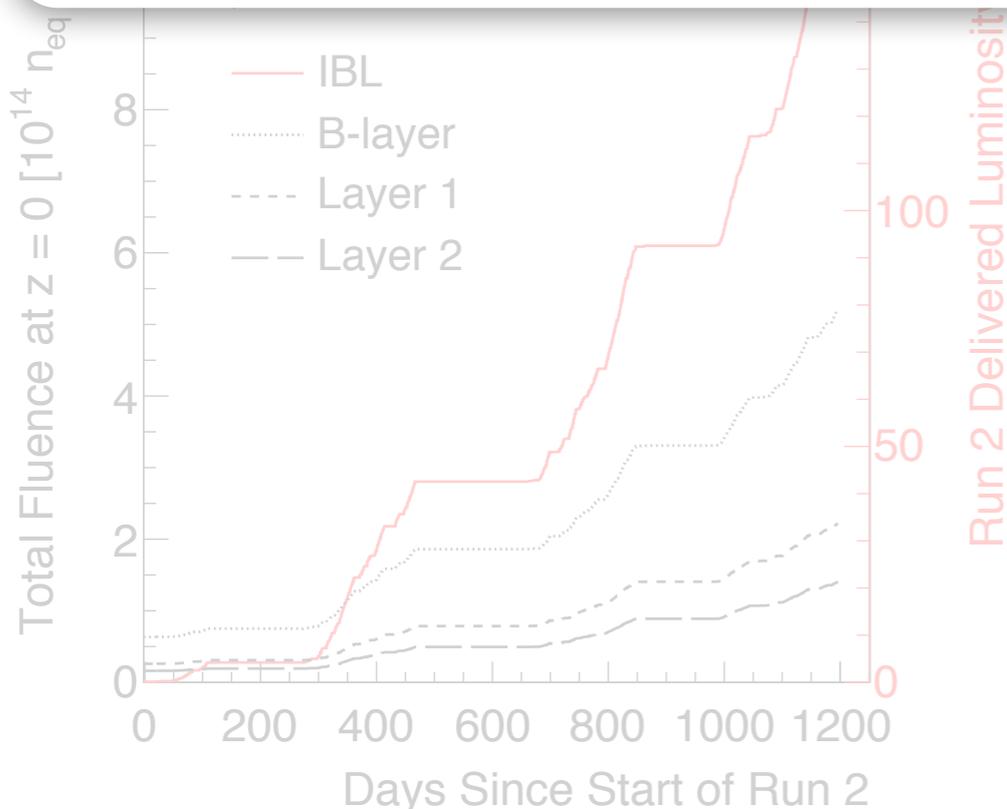
Charge lifetime:

$\sim O(\text{ns}) / (10^{-16} \text{ cm}^2 \times \text{fluence})$;
drift time in our sensor is $O(\text{ns})$

CDF Collaboration, Run II



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2019 workshop packed agenda



Goal: bring together experts across the LHC experiments and share experiences of running complex detector systems in harsh radiation environments.

...How well are we modelling and monitoring radiation damage?

...Have there been unforeseen effects, if so how was the impact mitigated?

...What are the operational plans for LS2 to ensure performance success for Run 3?

...What lessons can be learned for the LHC upgrades and future tracking detector systems?

Session 1: Sensor Measurements

Silicon radiation damage at the LHC experiments	Joy Sonneveld
6-2-024 - BE Auditorium Meyrin, CERN	09:15 - 09:45
CMS pixel radiation damage measurements	Finn Feindt
6-2-024 - BE Auditorium Meyrin, CERN	09:45 - 10:05
Leakage current measurements with the ATLAS pixel detector	Aidan Grummer
6-2-024 - BE Auditorium Meyrin, CERN	10:05 - 10:25
CMS strip radiation damage measurements	Jean-Laurent Agram
6-2-024 - BE Auditorium Meyrin, CERN	10:25 - 10:45
Coffee break	
6-2-024 - BE Auditorium Meyrin, CERN	10:45 - 11:10
Sensor measurements with the ATLAS SCT	Kazuya Mochizuki
6-2-024 - BE Auditorium Meyrin, CERN	11:10 - 11:30
Radiation effects in the LHCb VELO Run 1+2	Gediminas Sarpis
6-2-024 - BE Auditorium Meyrin, CERN	11:30 - 11:50
Recent results of the RD50 Collaboration	Marta Baselga
6-2-024 - BE Auditorium Meyrin, CERN	11:50 - 12:10
Discussion	
6-2-024 - BE Auditorium Meyrin, CERN	12:10 - 12:30
Lunch break	

Session 2: Sensor Simulations

6-2-024 - BE Auditorium Meyrin, CERN	12:30 - 14:00	
14:00	Introduction	
6-2-024 - BE Auditorium Meyrin, CERN	14:00 - 14:10	
Overview	Mathieu Benoit	
6-2-024 - BE Auditorium Meyrin, CERN	14:10 - 14:45	
Silicon Pixel Sensor Simulation in the CMS Monte Carlo Framework	Cristina Ana Mantilla Suarez	
6-2-024 - BE Auditorium Meyrin, CERN	14:45 - 15:05	
Pixel Radiation Damage Measurements with ATLAS	Paolo Sabatini	
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Coffee Break		
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16:00	Lorentz angle measurements and simulations in ATLAS	Javier Lorente Merino
6-2-024 - BE Auditorium Meyrin, CERN	15:50 - 16:10	
Status and Plans for ATLAS Radiation Damage Simulation	Alex Zeng Wang	
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Silicon Strip Sensor Simulation in the CMS Monte Carlo Framework	Eric Chabert	
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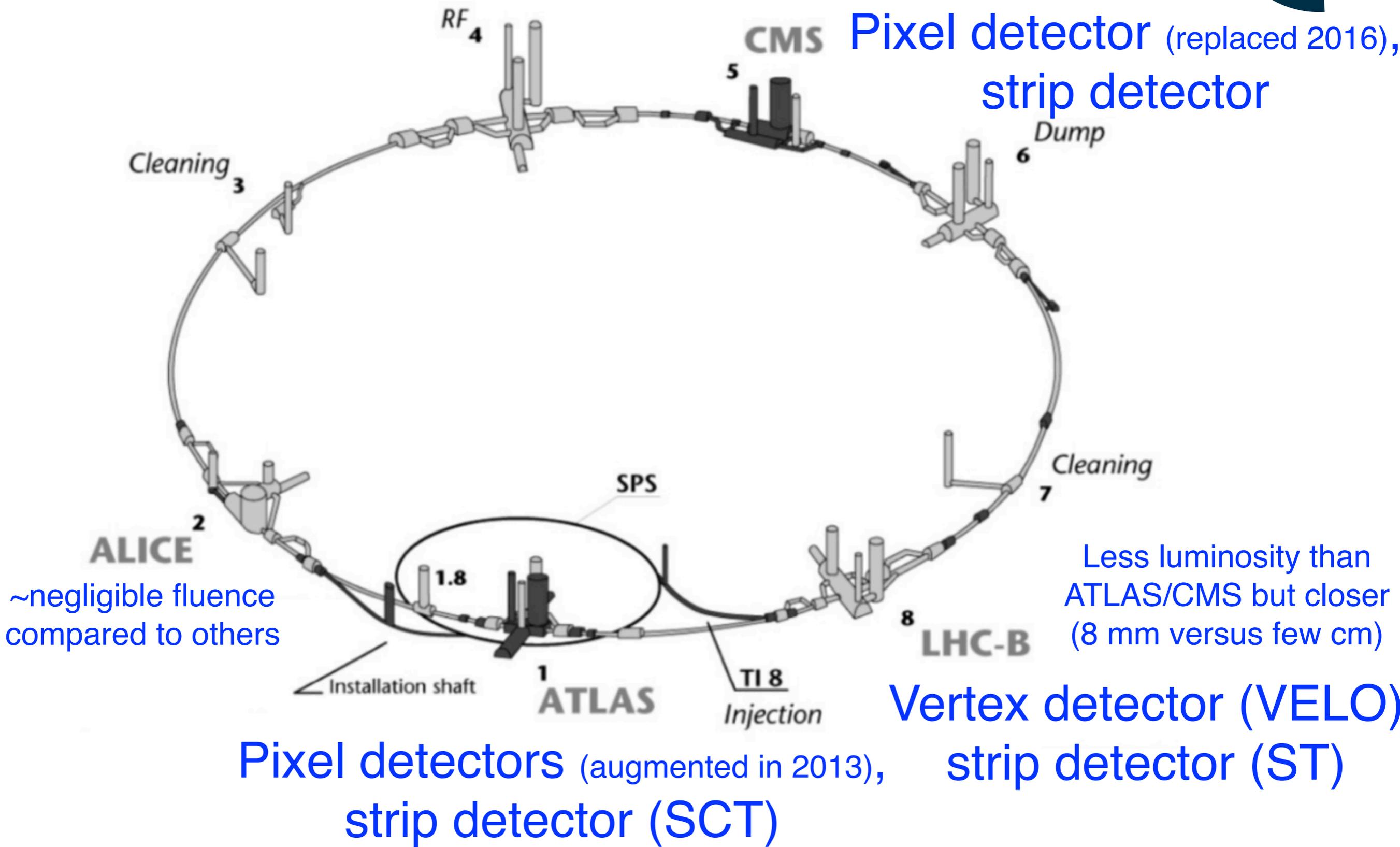
09:00	Introduction	Ian Dawson
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Radiation damage simulation and modelling in FLUKA	Vasilis Vlachoudis	
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Radiation background simulation capabilities of Geant4	Prof. Vladimir Ivanchenko	
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Event generators for simulating radiation backgrounds	Deepak Kar	
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On the uncertainties of silicon hardness factors	Mika Huhtinen	
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11:00	ATLAS simulations, predictions, comparison with data	Sven Menke
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CMS simulations, predictions, comparison with data	Sophie Maltoni	
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LHCb simulations, predictions, comparison with data	Agnieszka Mucha et al.	
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12:00	ALICE simulations, predictions, comparisons with data	Antonello Di Mauro
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Session 4: (Opto)Electronics

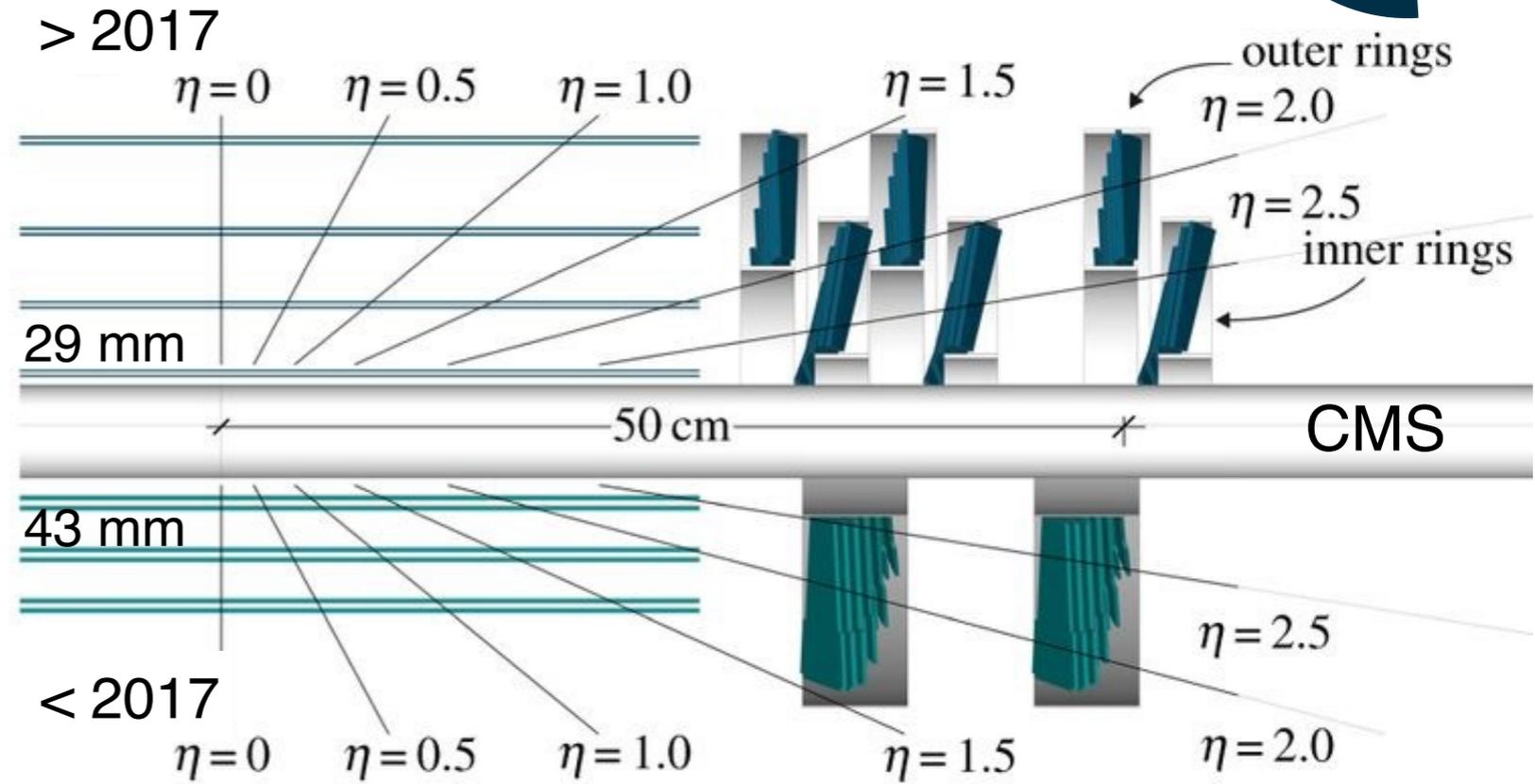
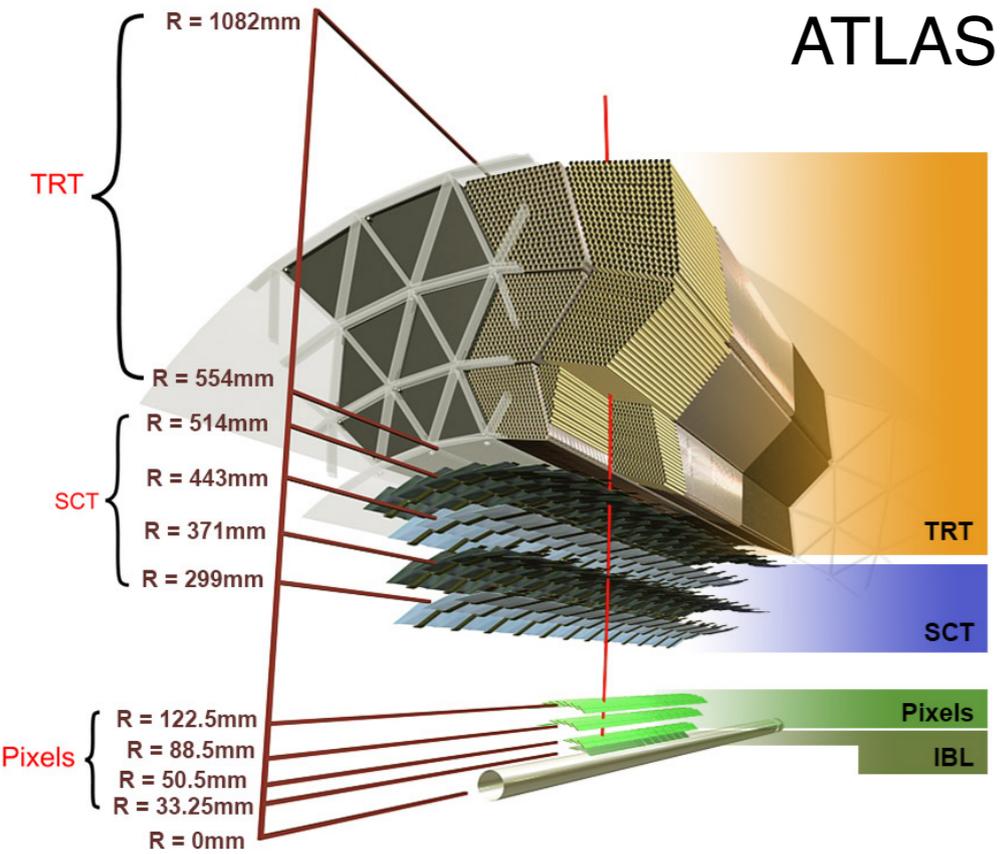
14:00	Introduction	Erik Butz
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Simulation of SEU/SET effects in the DICE latches by AFTU tool	Francisco Rogelio Palomo Pinto	
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SEU/SET results in ATLAS IBL FE-14-B	Marcello Bindi	
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SEU and LV currents in CMS pixels	Klaas Padeken	
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Irradiation results from ATLAS SCT opto-boards	Gavin Pownall	
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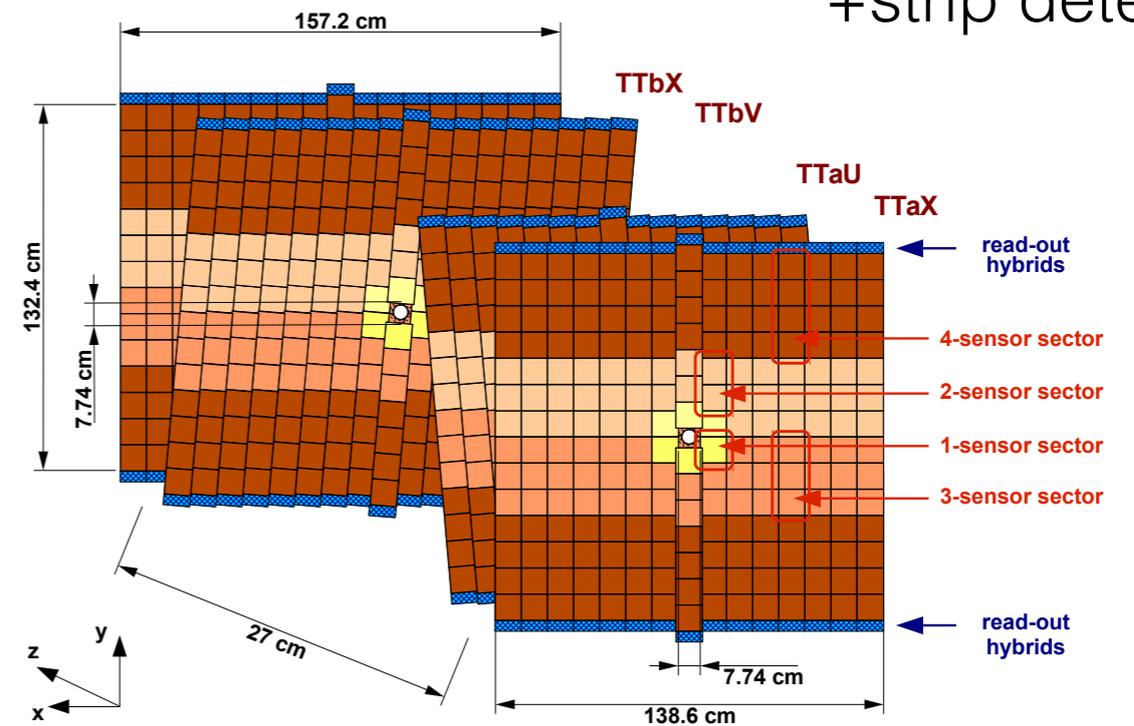


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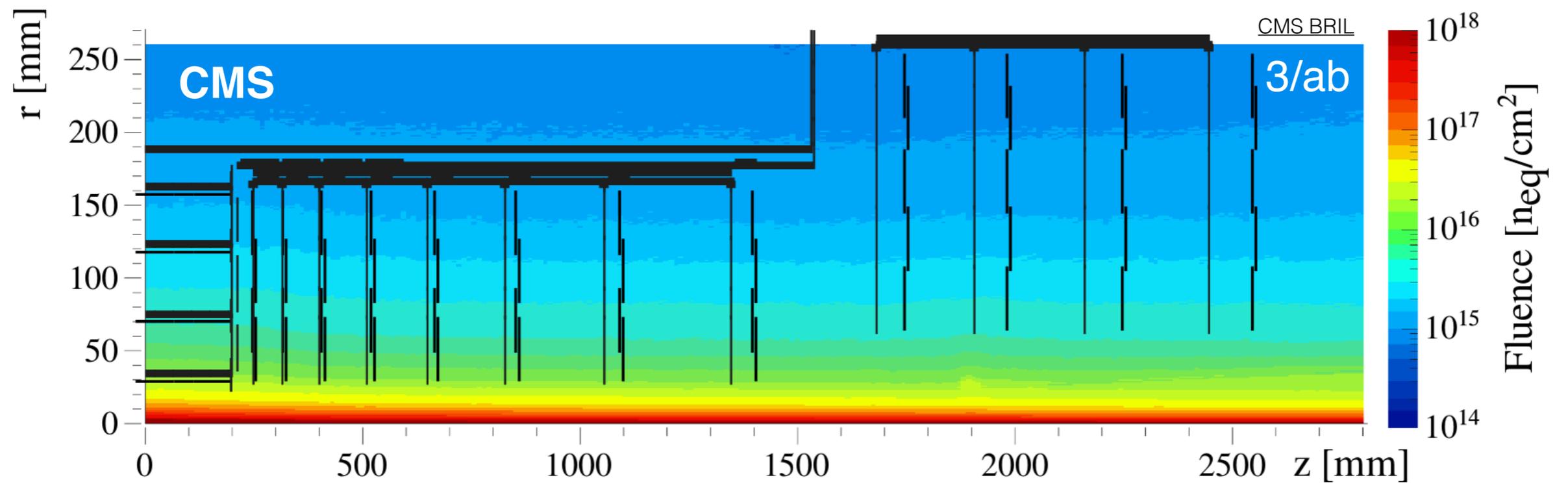
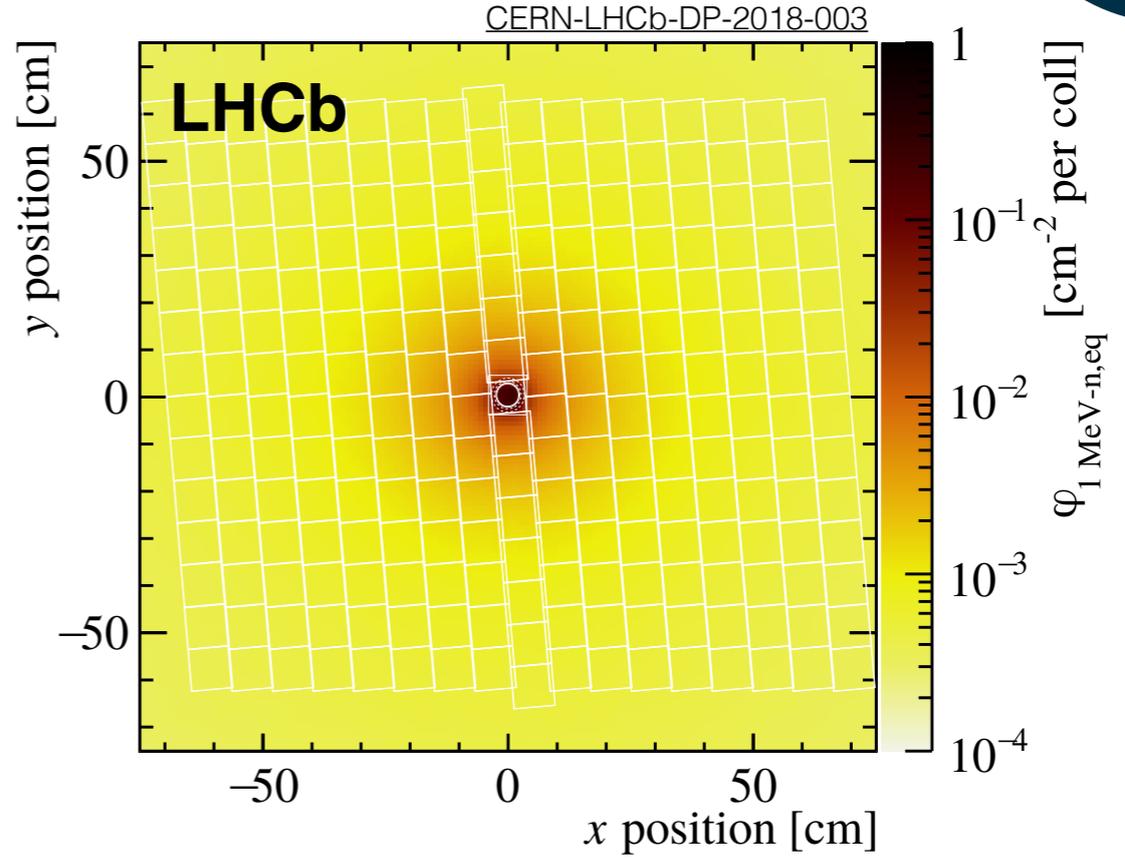
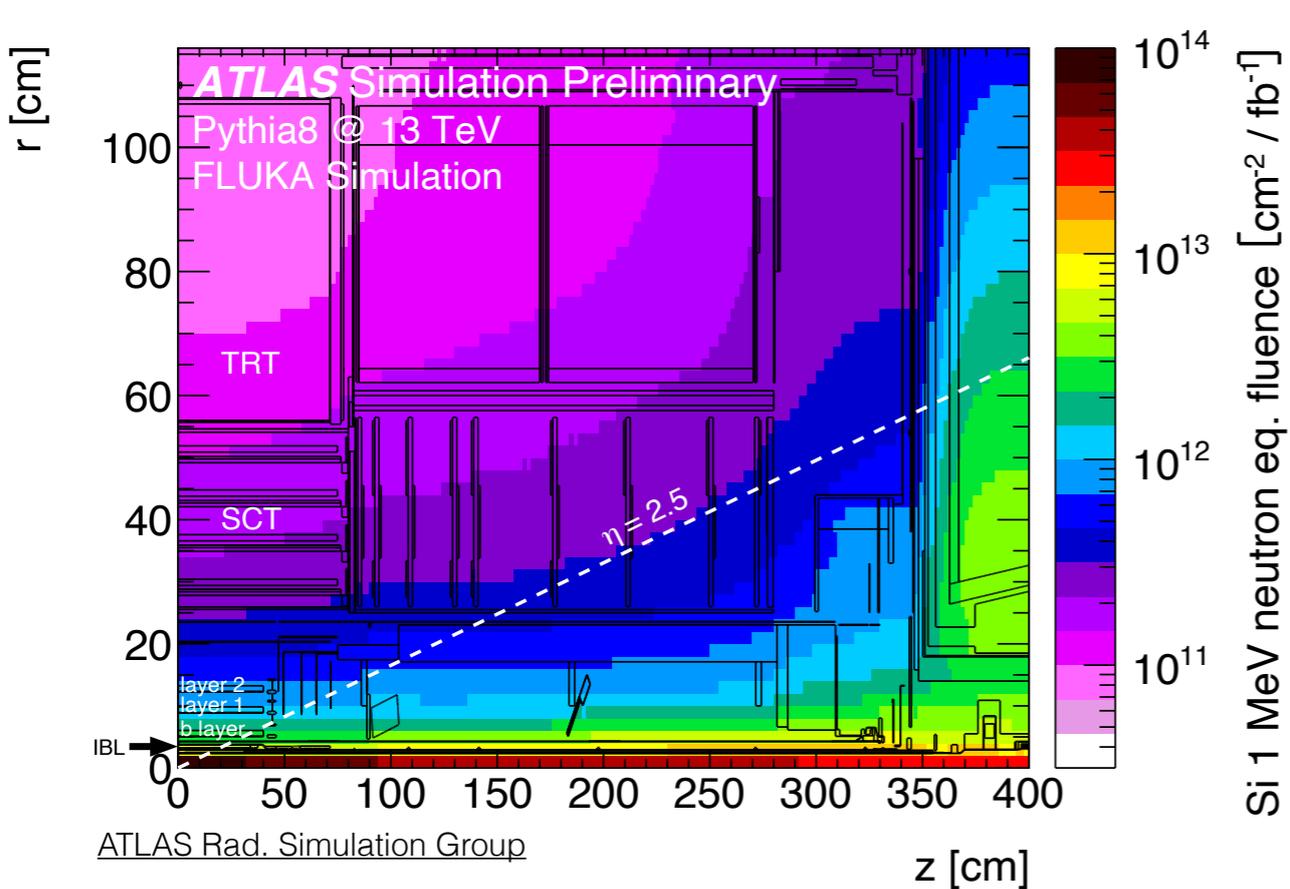
+strip detector

LHCb

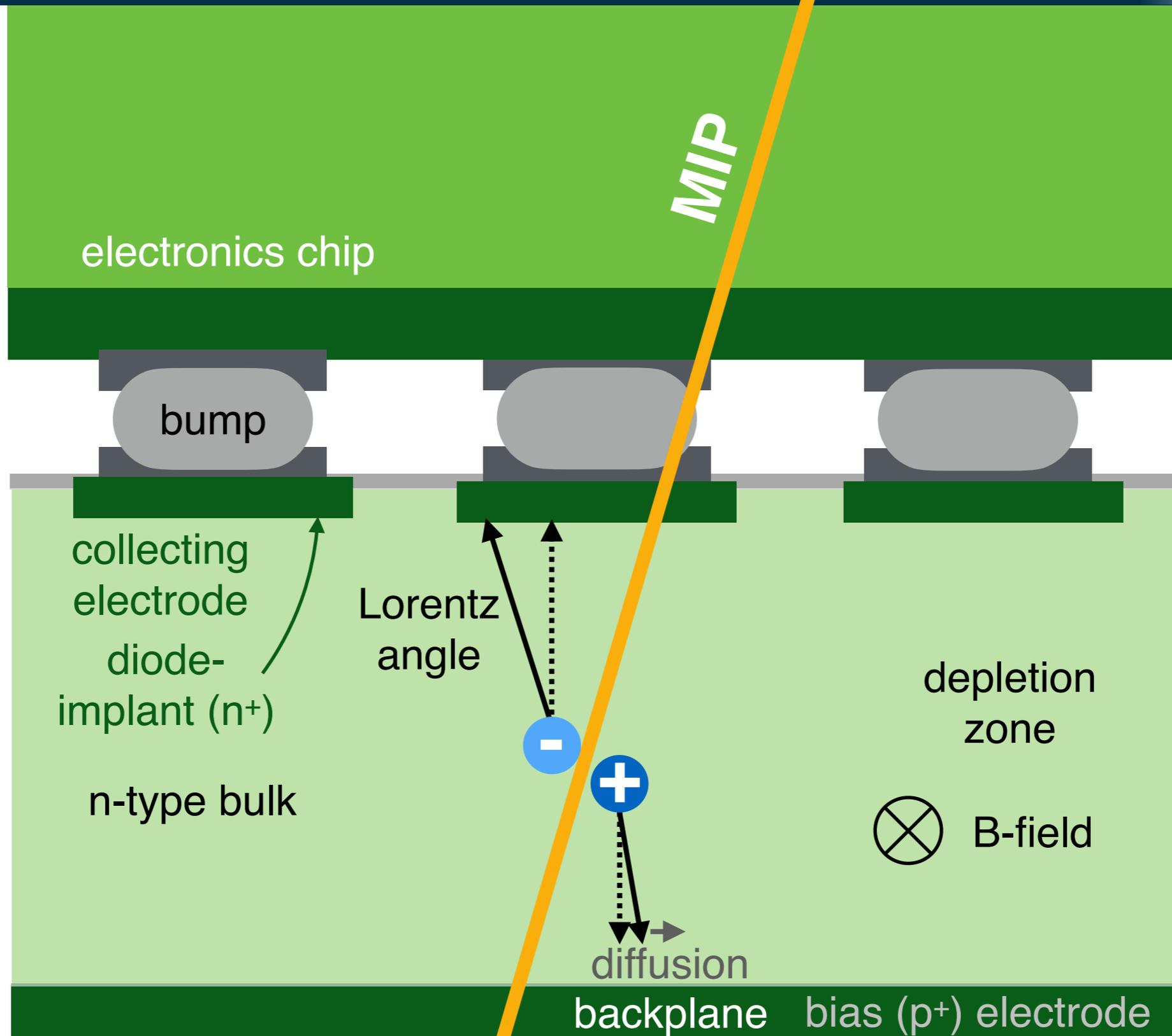


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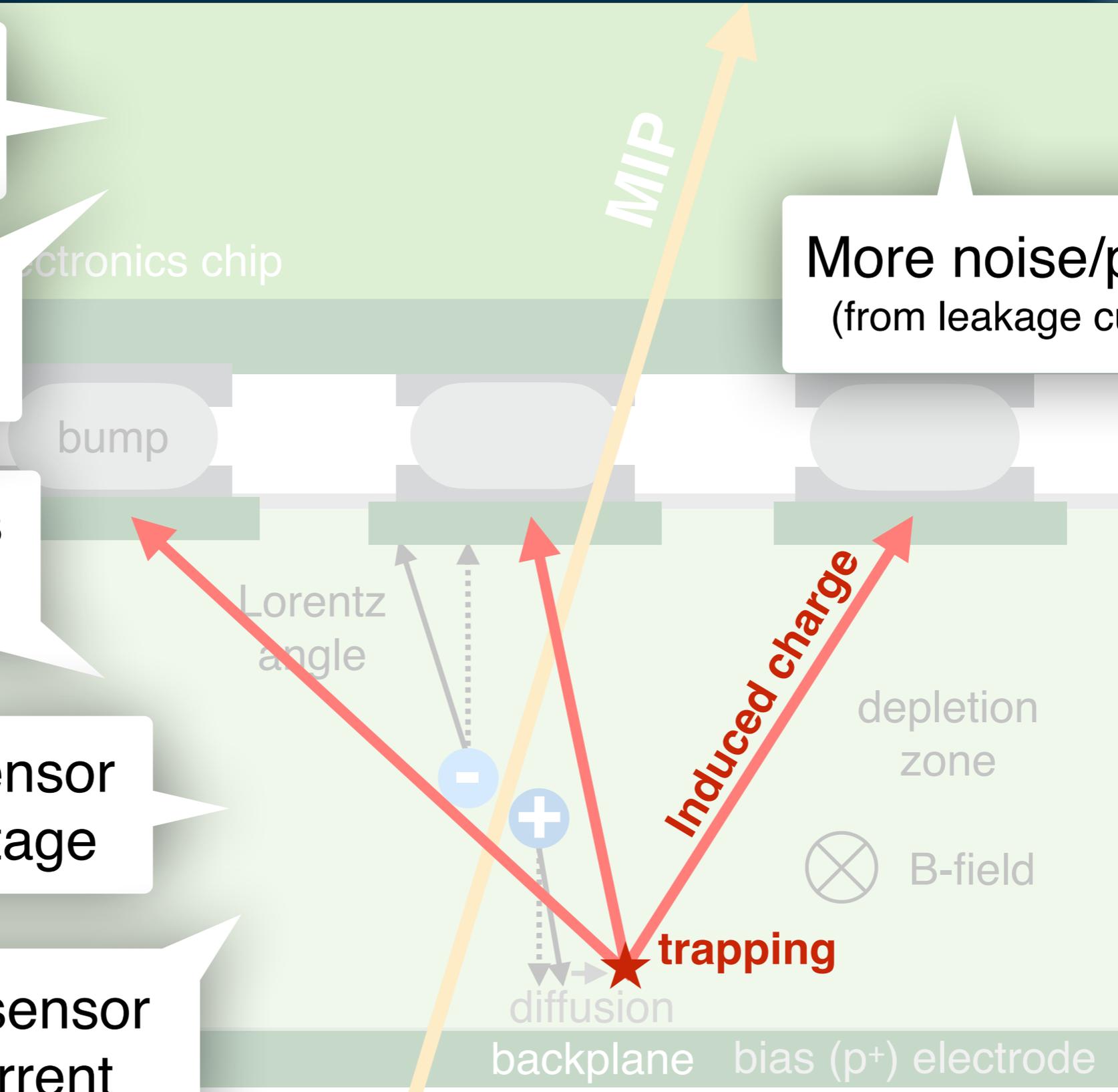
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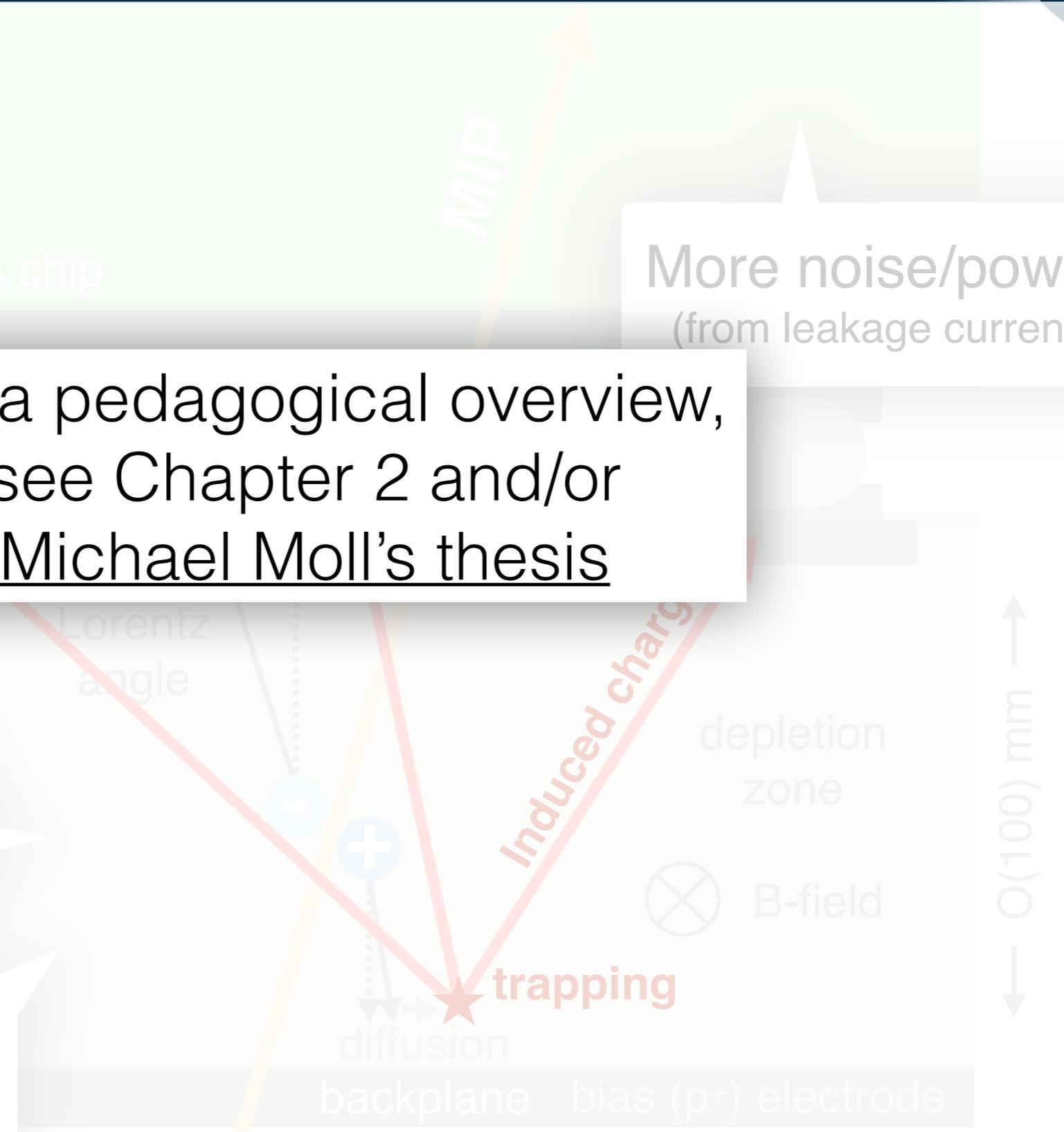
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For a pedagogical overview, see Chapter 2 and/or [Michael Moll's thesis](#)

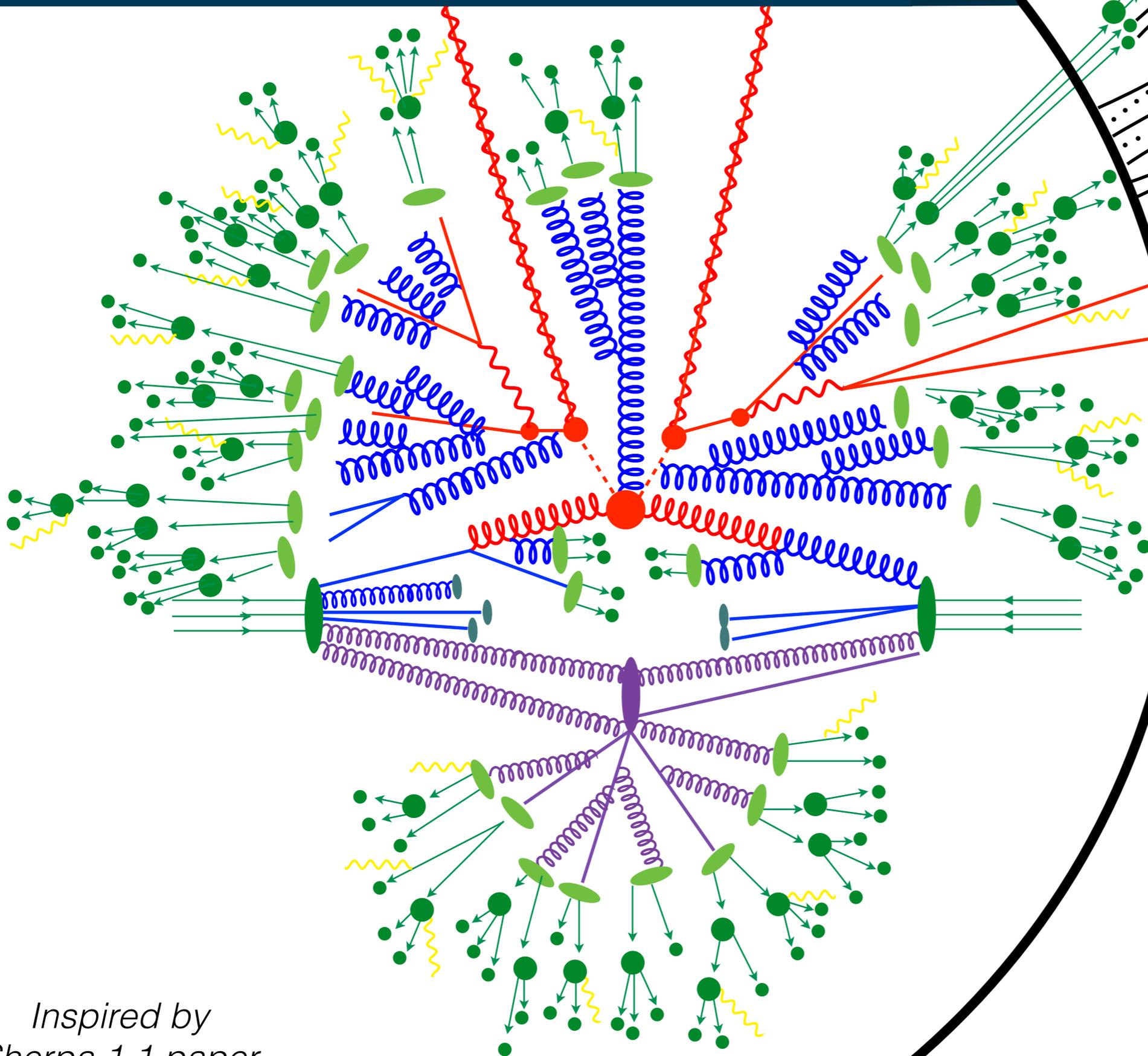
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Pythia 8 and DPMJet III



**Particle Transport and
Energy Loss**

FLUKA and Geant 4

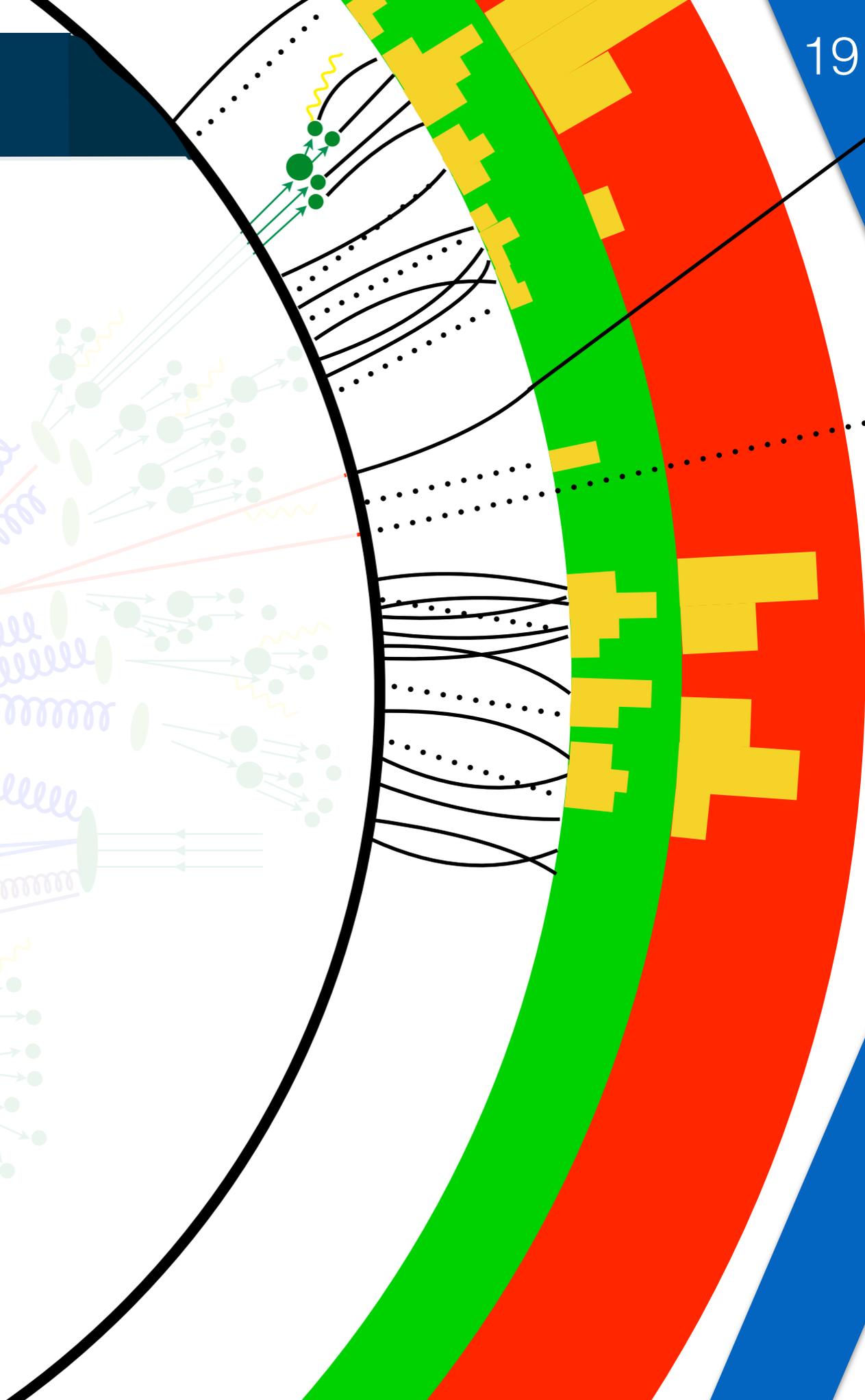
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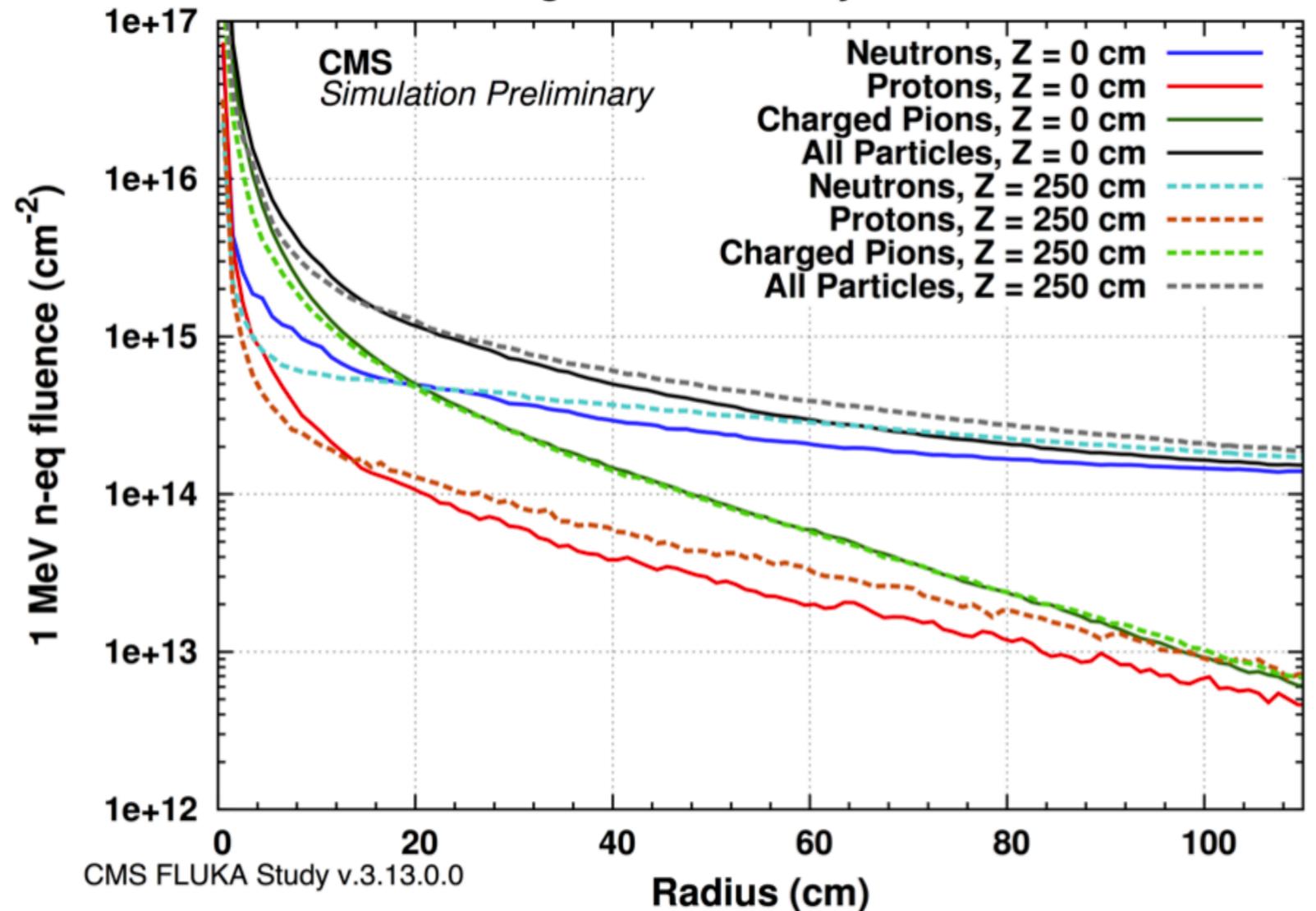
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RD50 tables and FLUKA/Geant 4

Contributions to 1MeV neutron equivalent fluence in Silicon
Integrated luminosity = 3000 fb⁻¹



CMS FLUKA Study v.3.13.0.0

(2) Damage Measurements



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Many sensor properties are proportional to ϕ

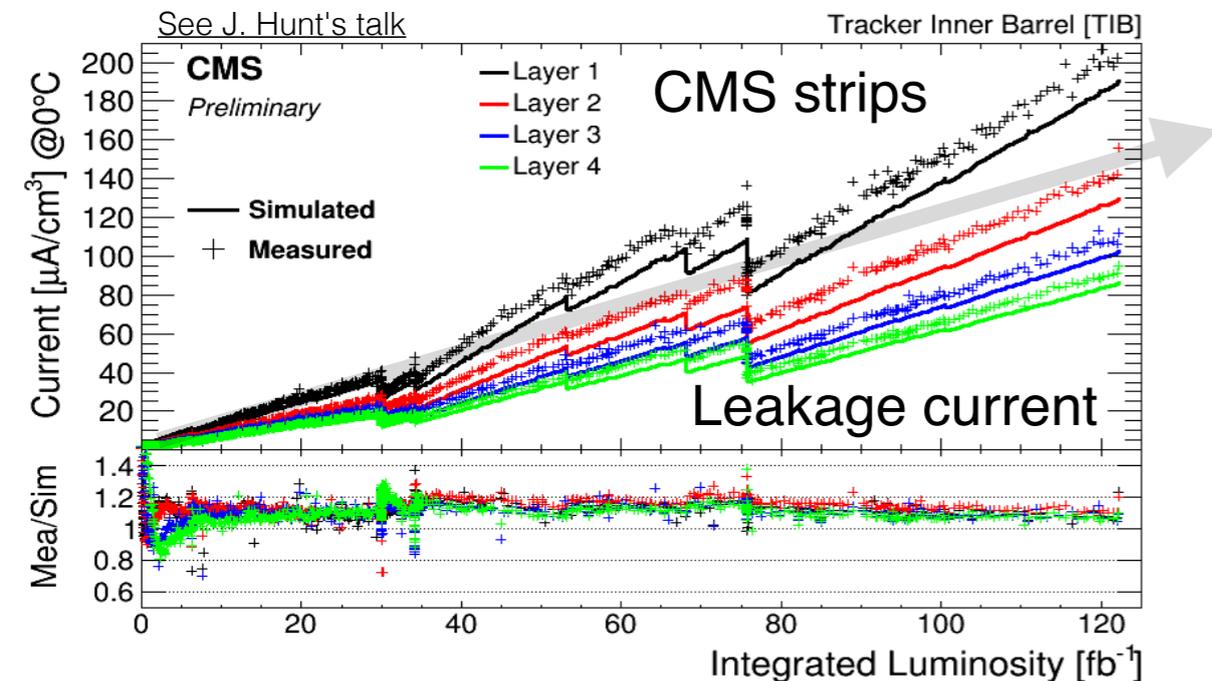
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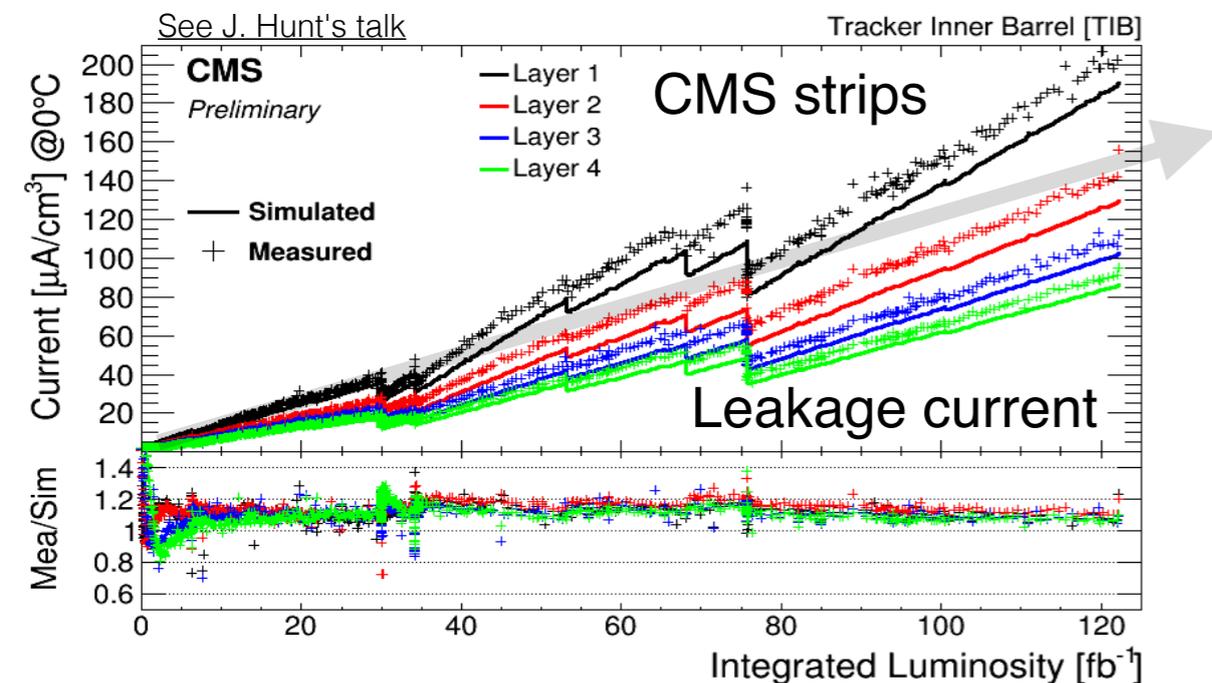
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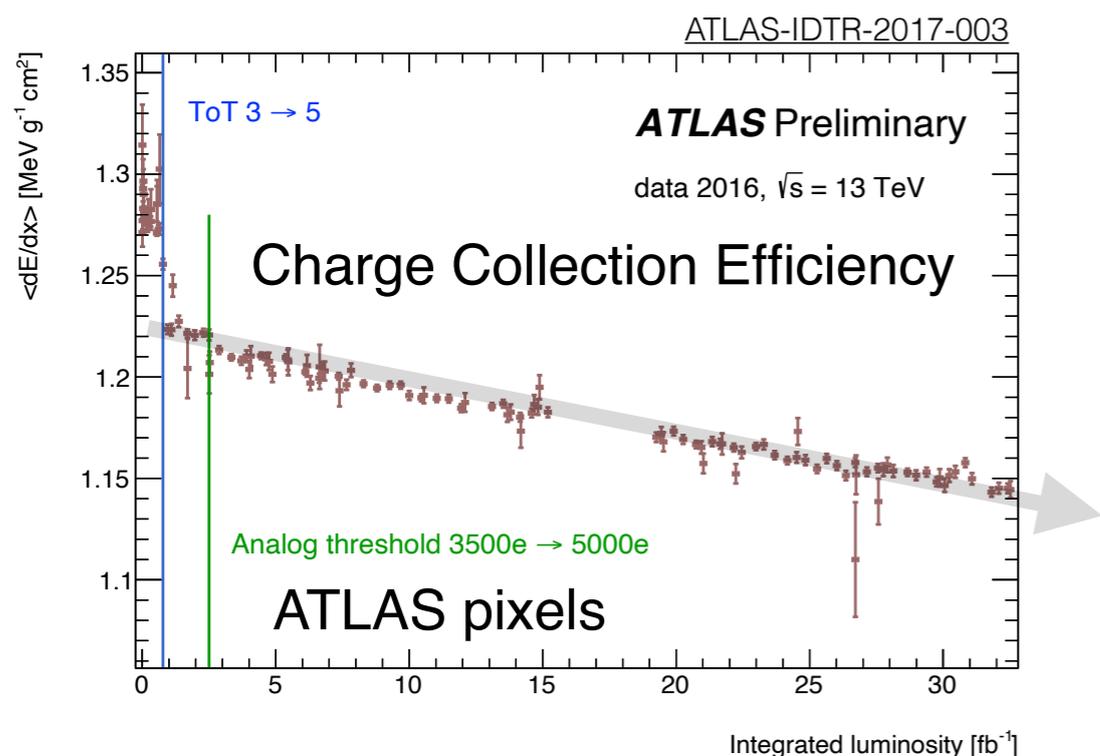
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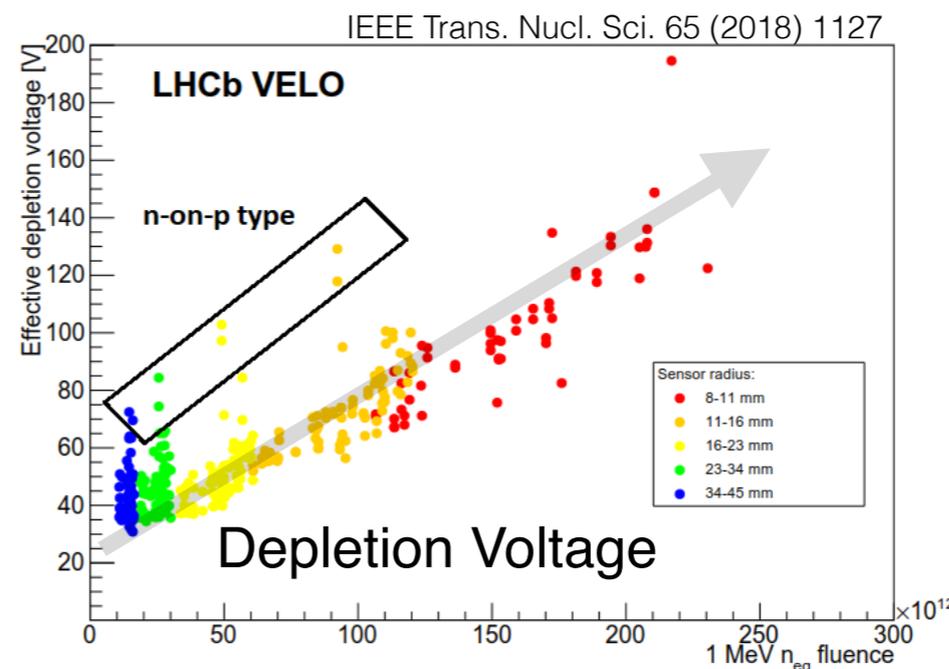
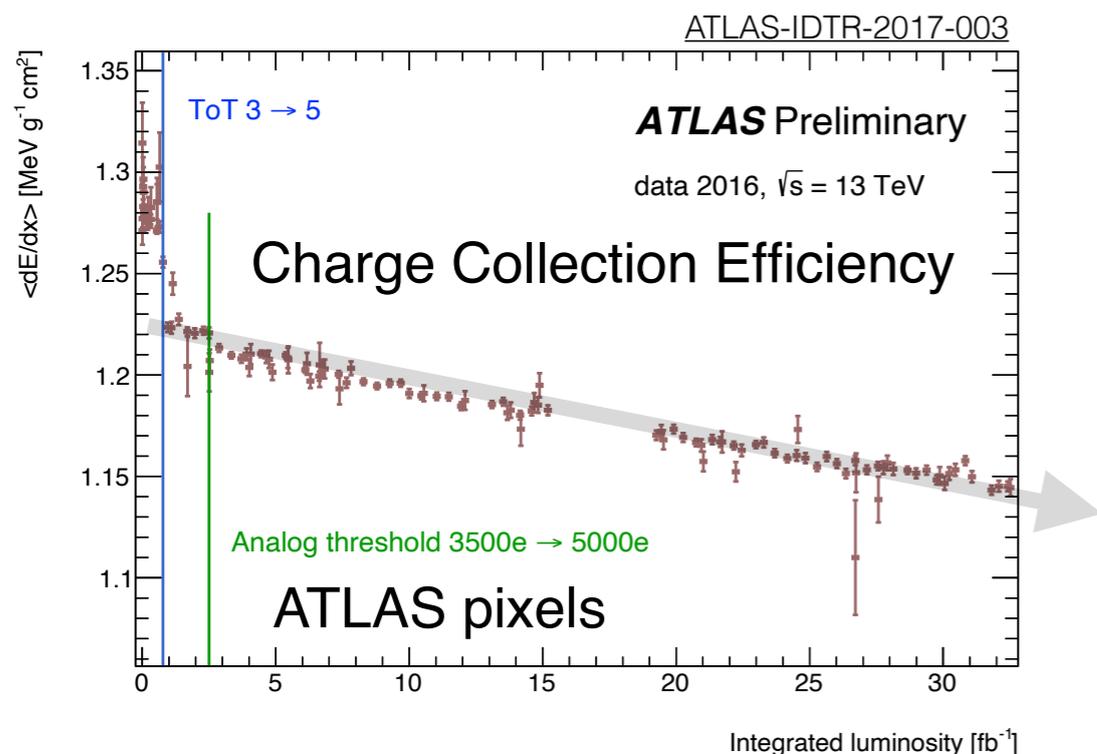
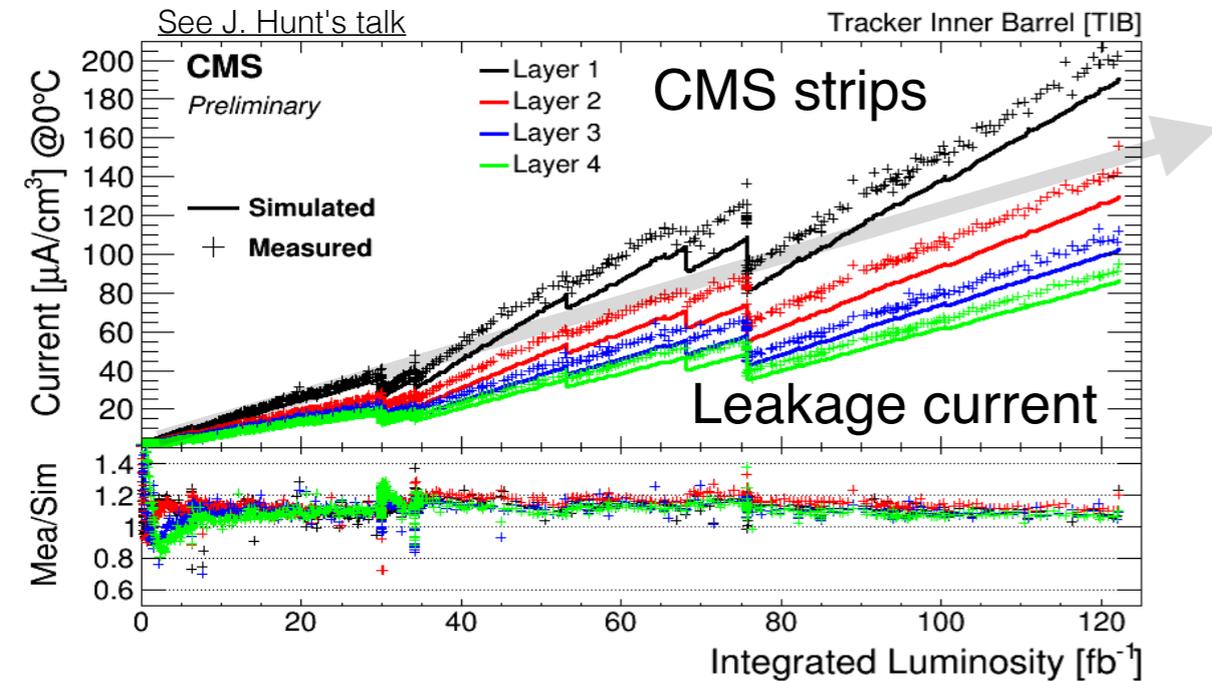
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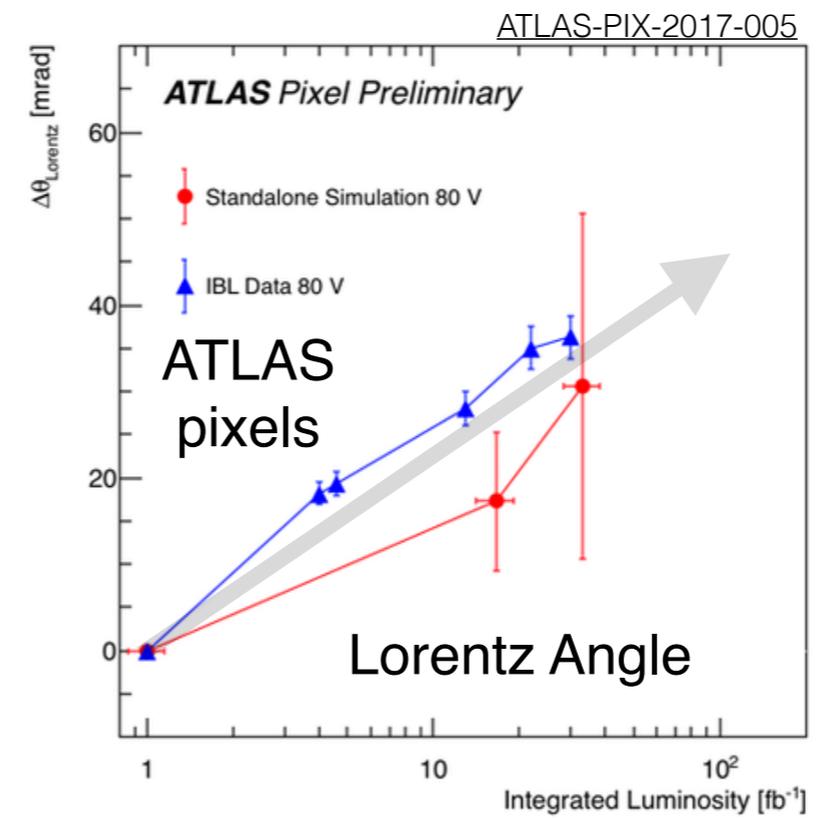
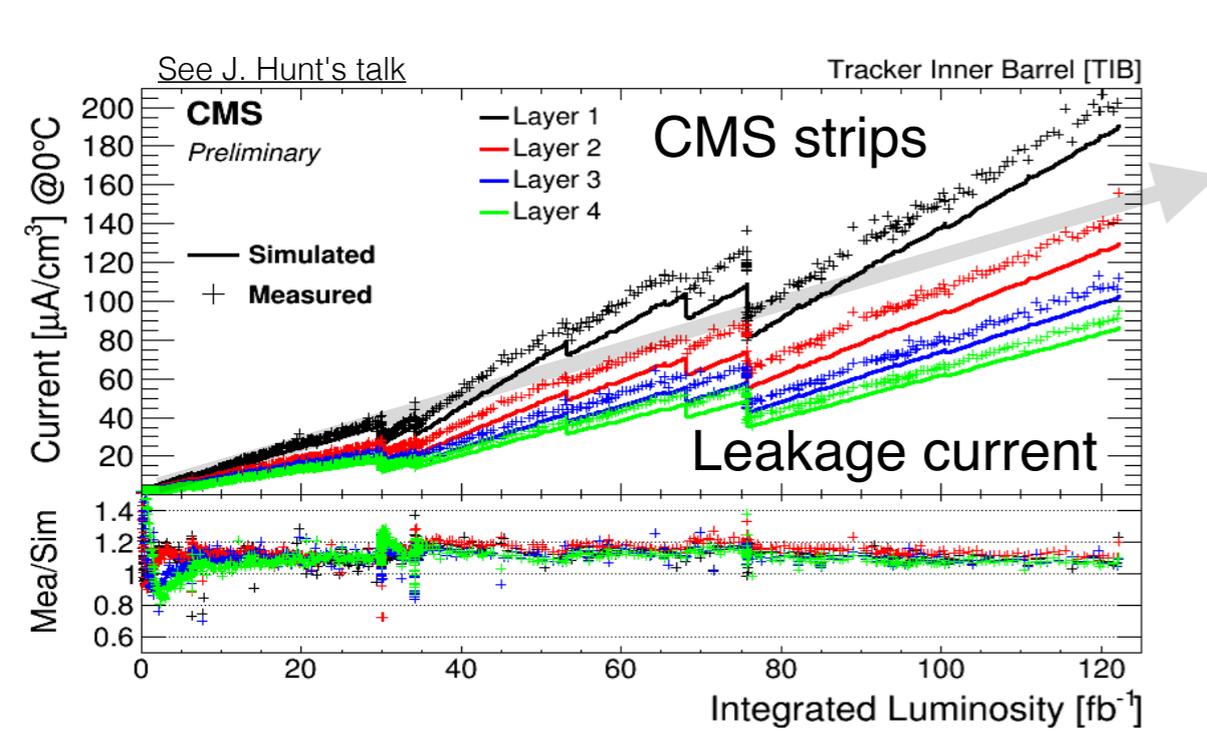
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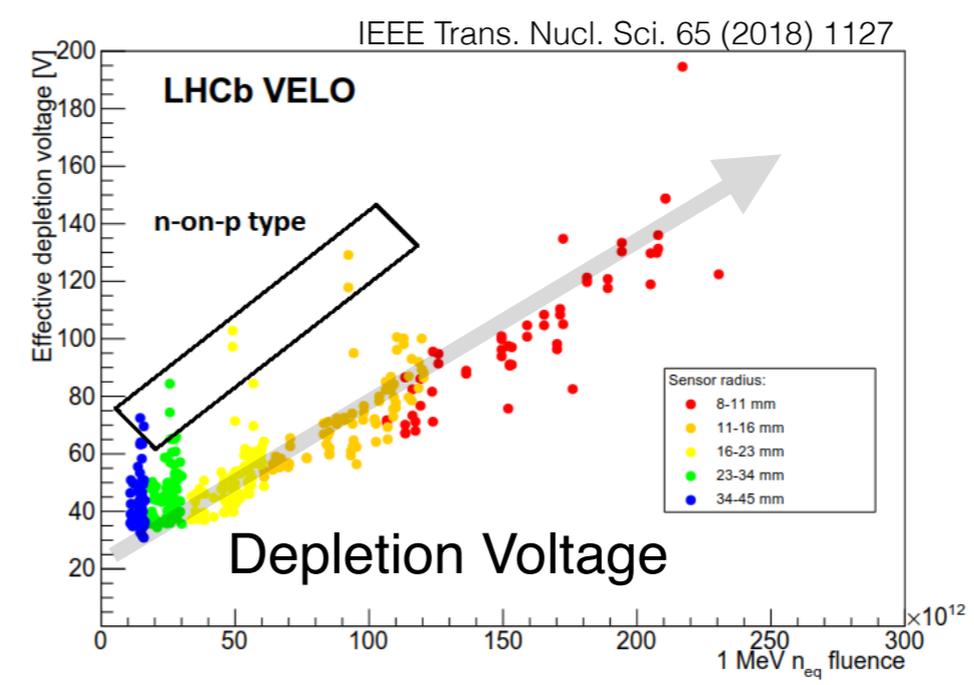
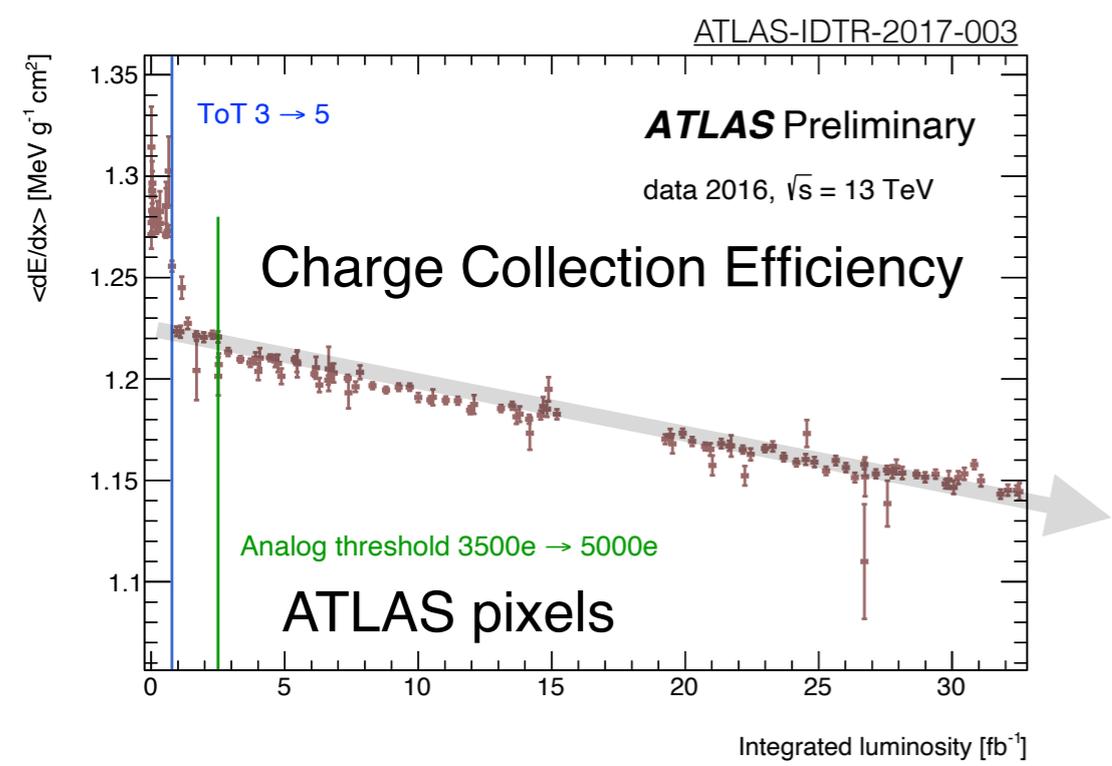
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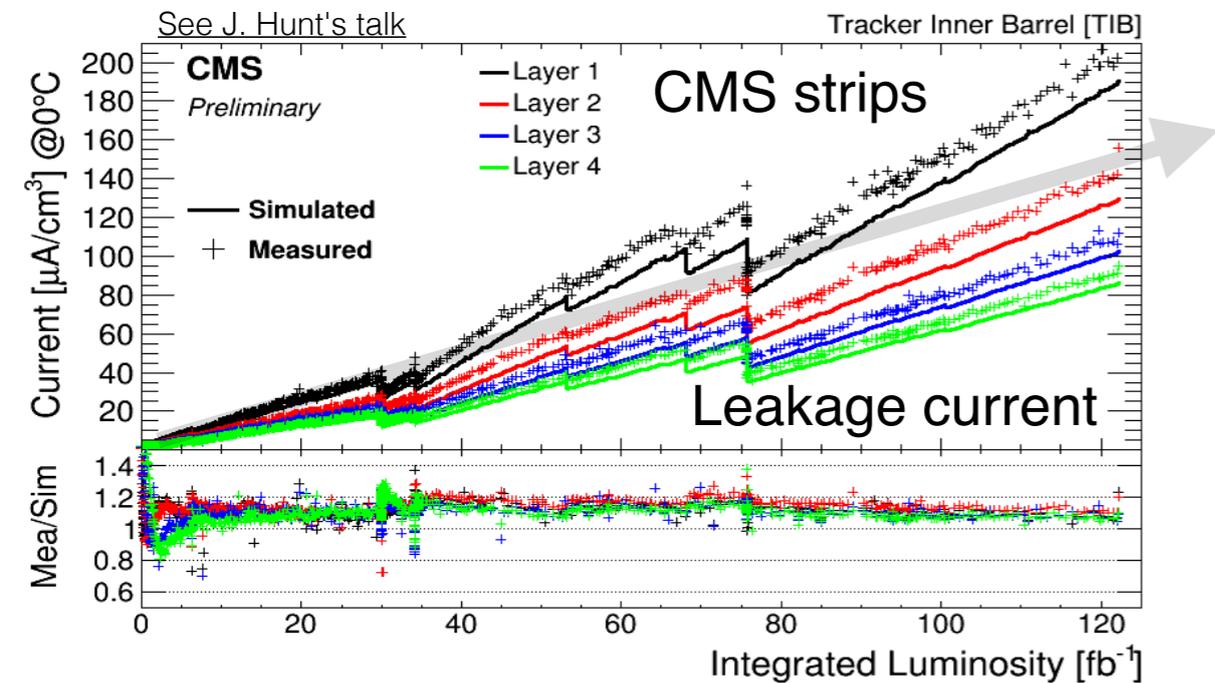
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Fluence Monitoring

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$$I_{\text{leak}} = (\Phi / L_{\text{int}}) \cdot V \cdot \sum_{t=t_0}^T L_{\text{int},i} \cdot [\text{annealing}]$$

“Hamburg Model” or “Sheffield-Harper model”

Different approaches to time-dependence of annealing terms

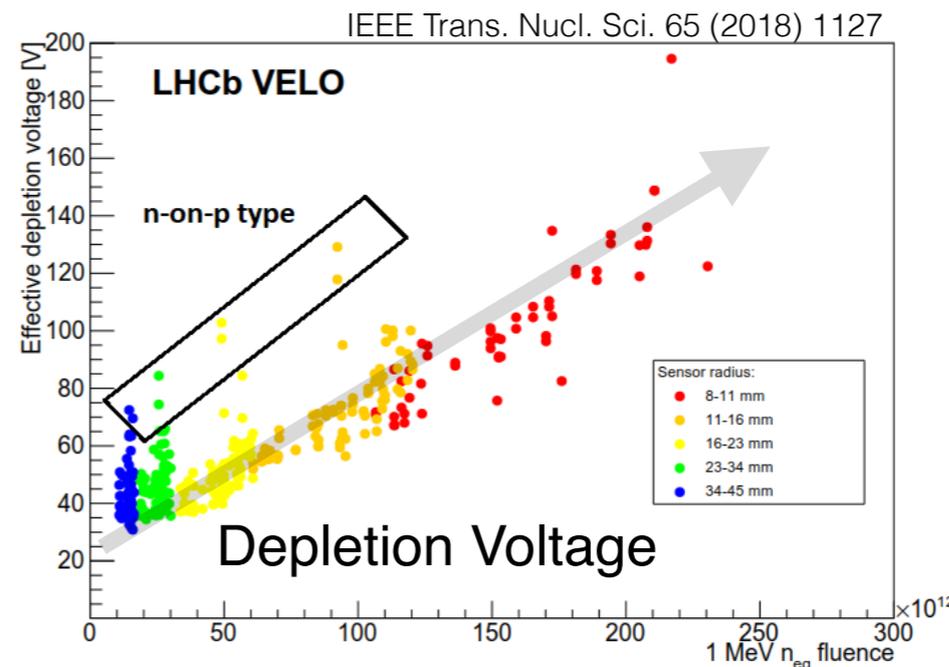
Caution:
Models assume uniform space-charge and a small number of effective defect states.

$$V_{\text{dep.}} = |N_{\text{eff}}| \cdot \frac{ed^2}{2\epsilon\epsilon_0}$$

$$N_{\text{eff}}(t) = N_0(t) - N_A^{\text{stable}}(t) + N^{\text{annealing}}(t)$$

$$dN_A^{\text{stable}} / dt \propto \Phi(t)$$

“Hamburg Model”



Radiation Simulation

Particle multiplicity,
energy, composition

↓ *DPMJet or Pythia*

Geometry and
Particle transport

↓ *FLUKA or Geant4*

Non-ionizing
damage

↓ *RD50 damage factors*

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Comparing to Simulations

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Raw leakage current

↓

Temperature correction

↓

Fit ϕ/L in Hamburg/Sheffield-Harper model

↓

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Measure charge versus HV

↓

Define $V_{\text{dep.}}$ = saturation point

↓

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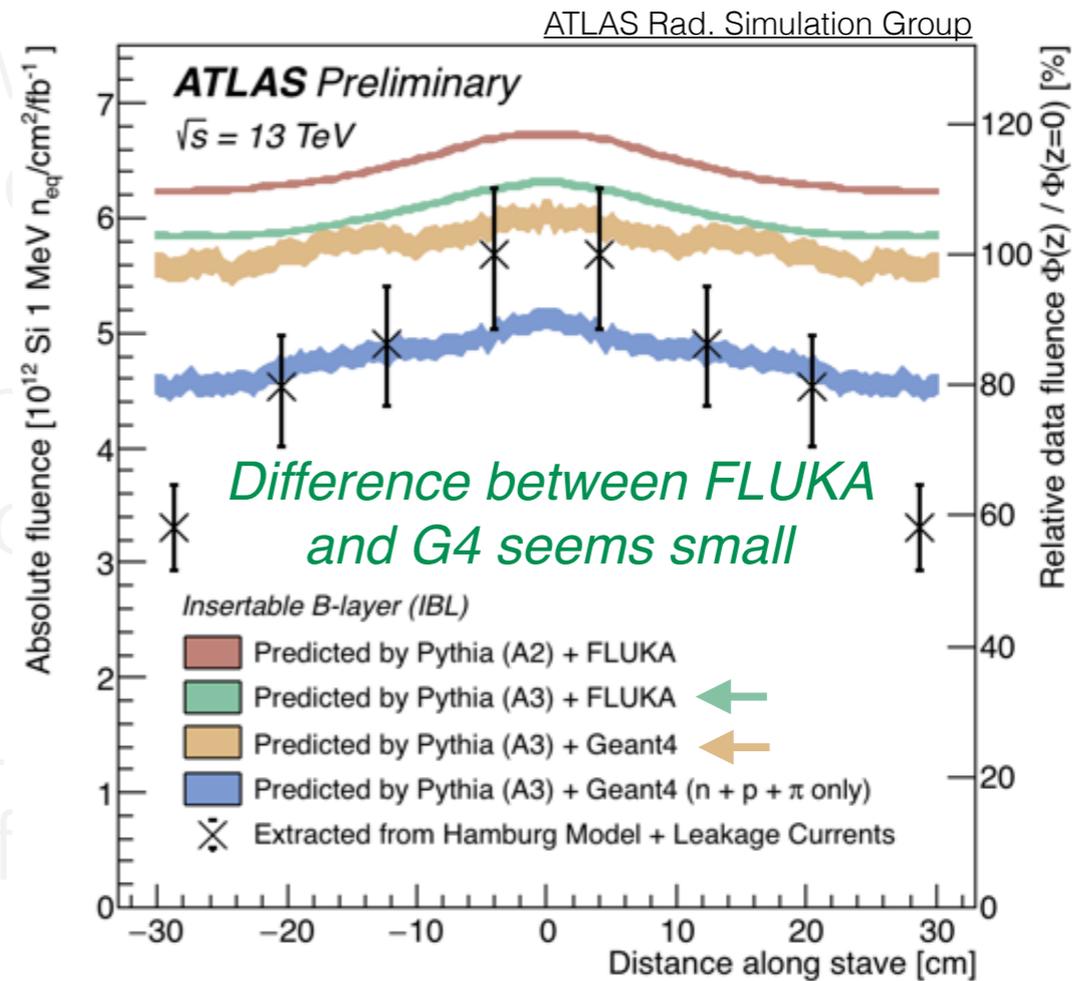
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Leakage Caution: Depletion
Tuned to data, but still significant uncertainty (PDFs, MEs, frag., etc.)



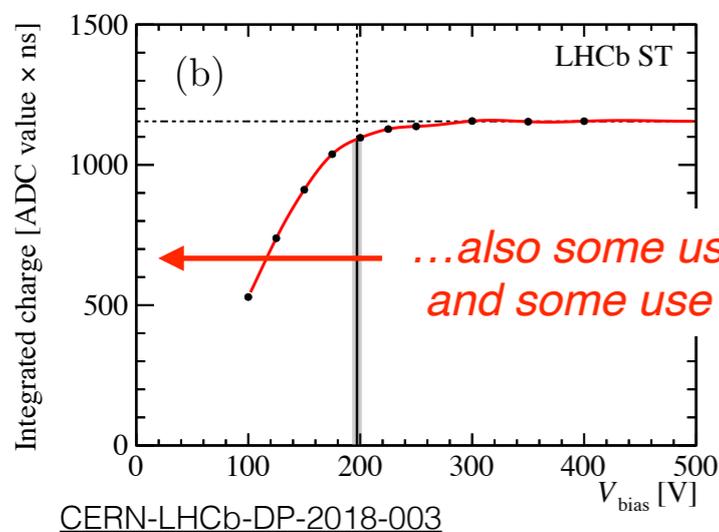
...due in part to the availability of monochromatic beams and uncertainty in converting to 1 MeV n_{eq}

Comparing to Simulations

Cautions:

No community consensus on silicon activation energy (most common is 1.21 eV from A. Chilingarov)

The kink is not uniquely defined!



There are many parameters, each with a large (and in some cases, unknown - see previous slide) uncertainty

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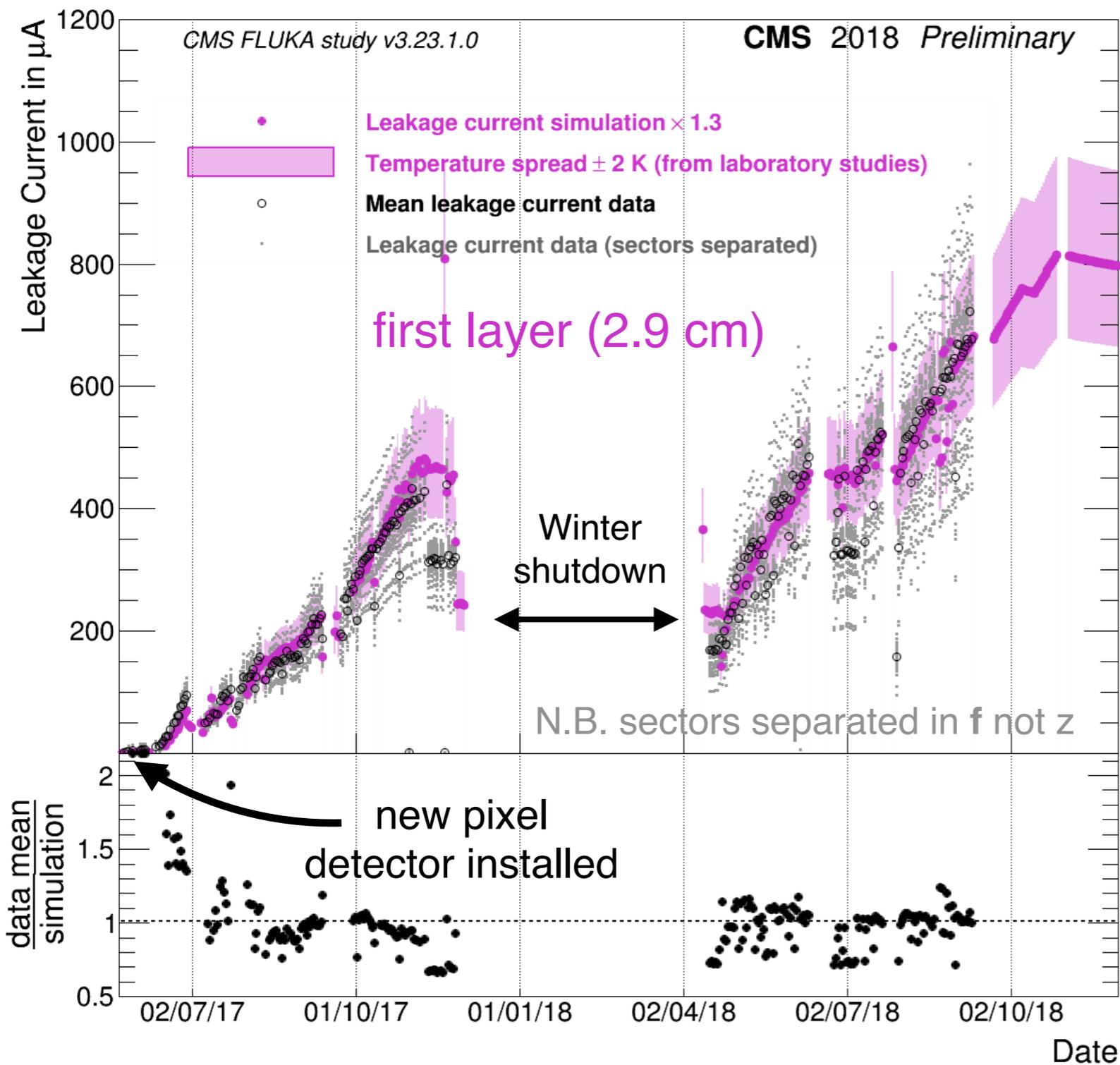
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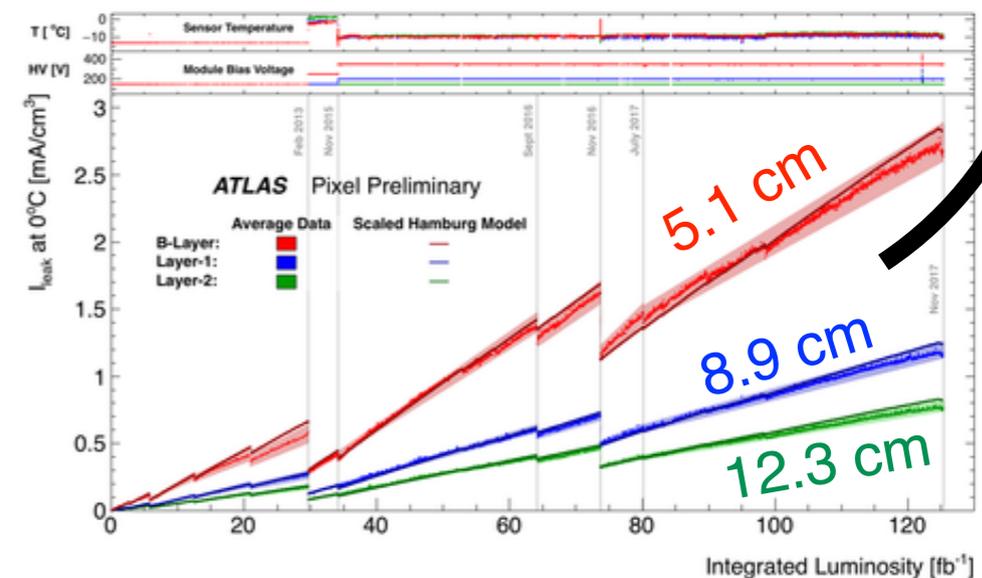
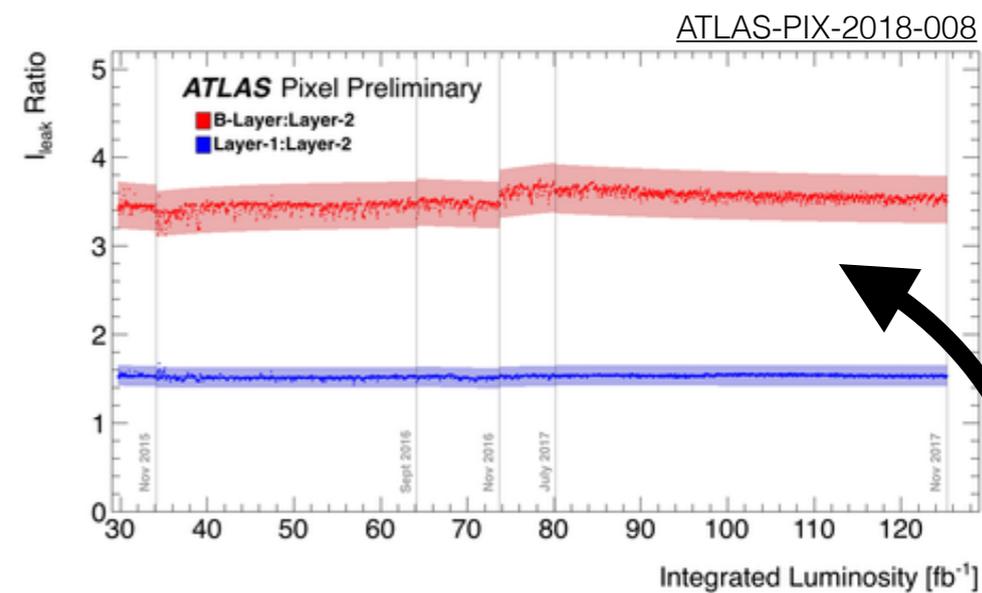
Leakage current across time

L1: Leakage current per module

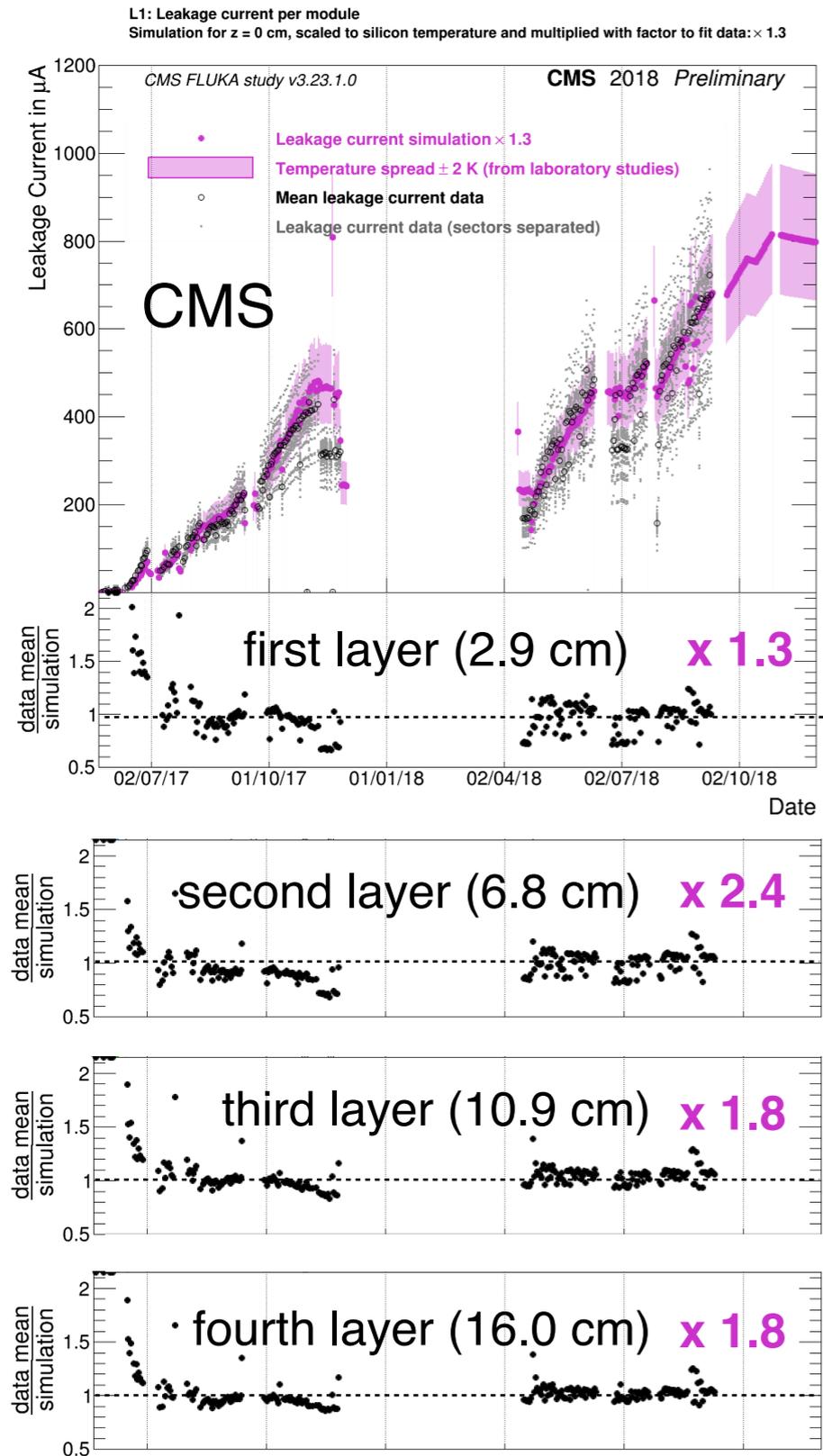
Simulation for $z = 0$ cm, scaled to silicon temperature and multiplied with factor to fit data: $\times 1.3$



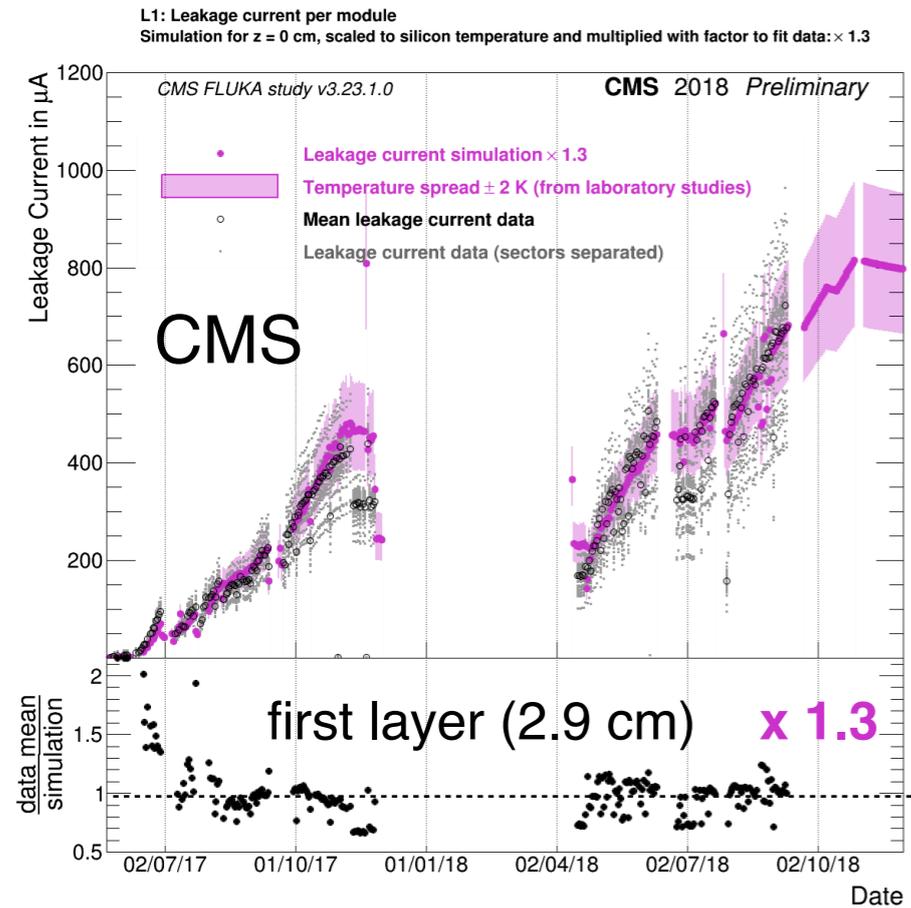
So far, excellent stability across time, even with significant annealing.



Leakage current across radii



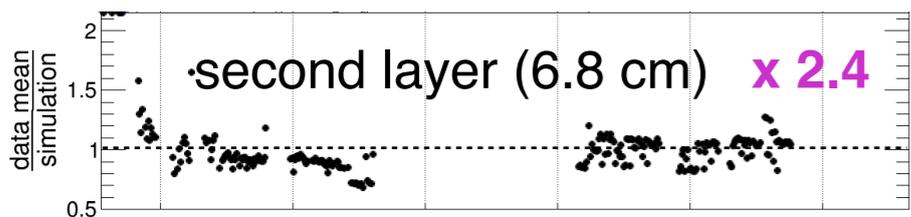
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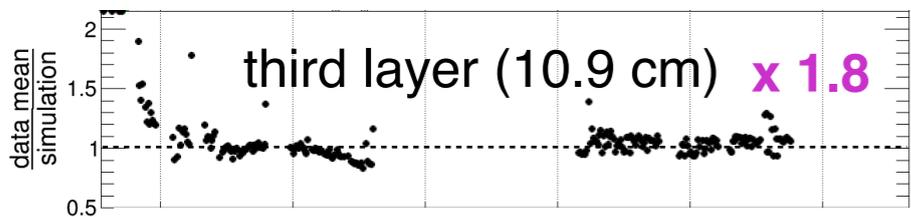
ATLAS
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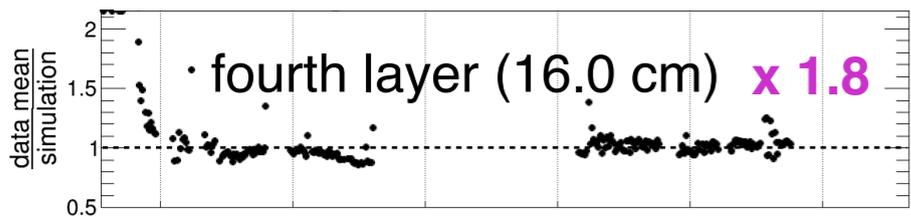
$\times (0.90 \pm 0.1)$
3.3 cm



$\times (1.4 \pm 0.1)$
5.1 cm

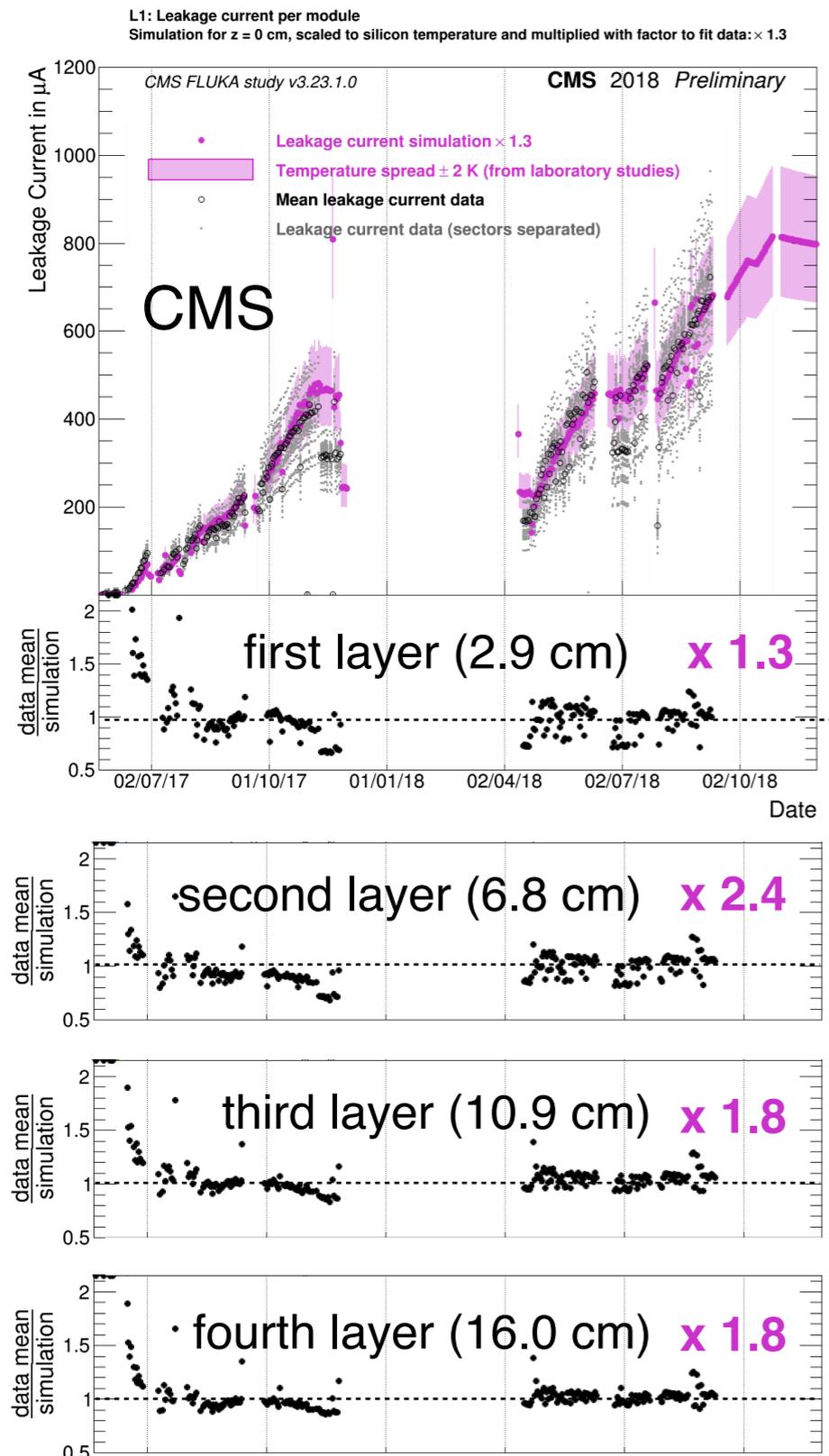


$\times (1.4 \pm 0.1)$
8.9 cm



$\times (1.4 \pm 0.1)$
12.3 cm

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ATLAS
@ z = 0
↓
x (0.90 +/- 0.1)
3.3 cm

x (1.4 +/- 0.1)
5.1 cm

x (1.4 +/- 0.1)
8.9 cm

x (1.4 +/- 0.1)
12.3 cm

Overall, ATLAS and CMS observe a higher fluence in data than in simulation

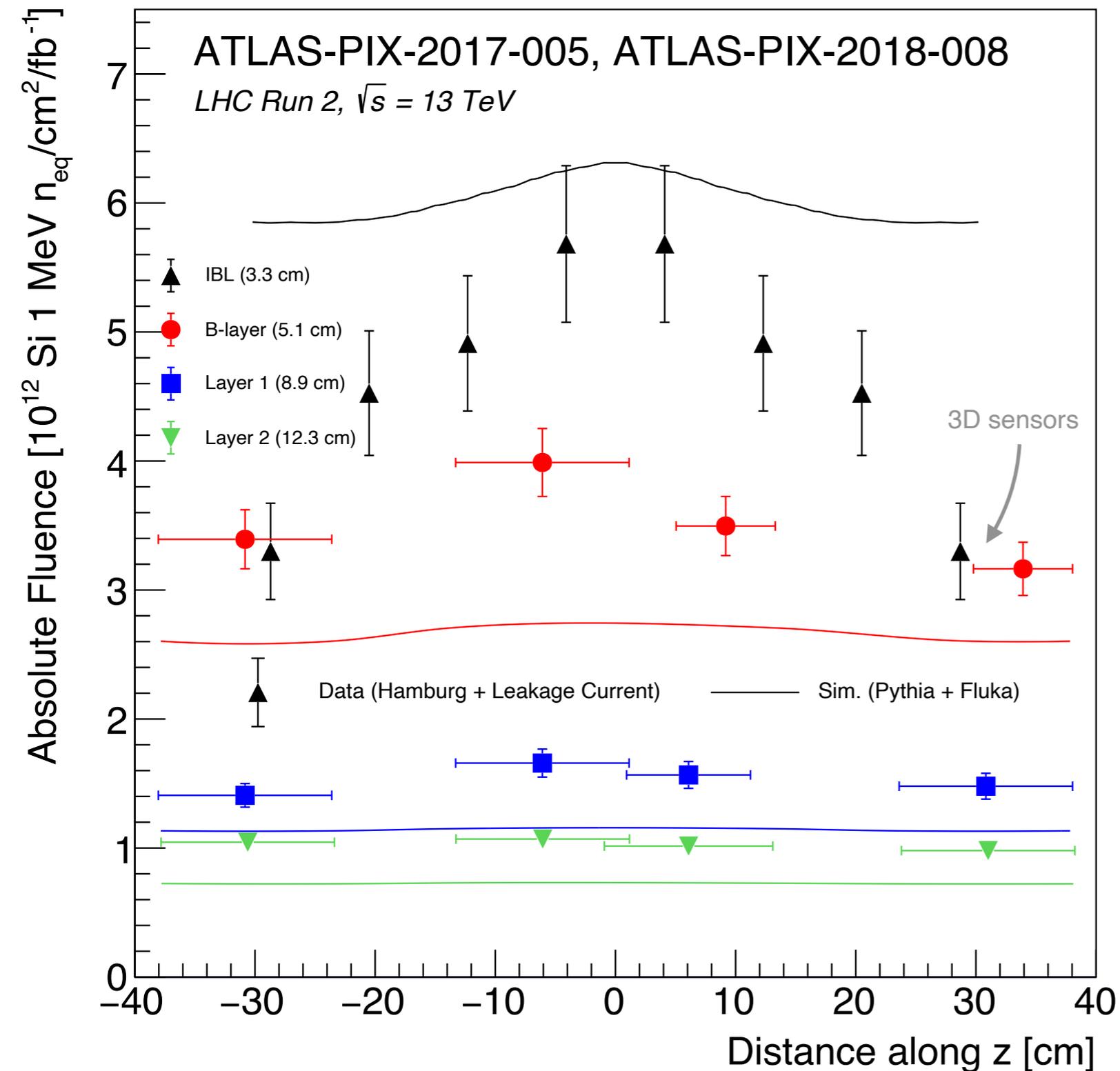
with some weak evidence for radius dependence:

data ~ sim. for innermost
data ~ 1.5 - 2.5 x sim. for other pixels
data ~ 1.0 - 1.2 x sim. for strips

N.B. data > prediction ... important to **take note for safety factors** !

Leakage current along z

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ATLAS measurement indicates (much) stronger z-dependence in data than simulation.

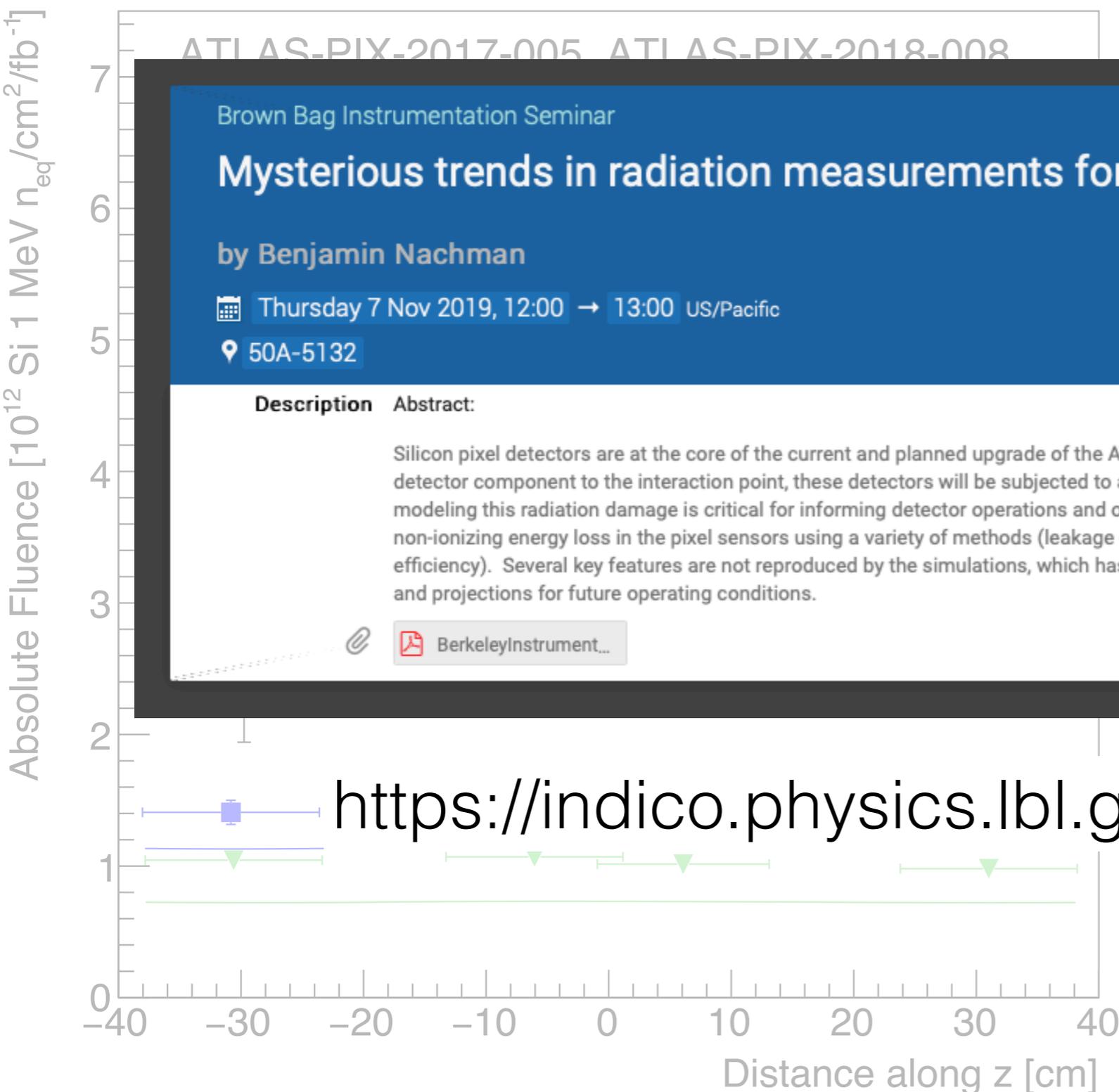
discrepancy seems to decrease with increasing radius.

...would be great to see confirmation from other measurements / experiments!

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Leakage current along z

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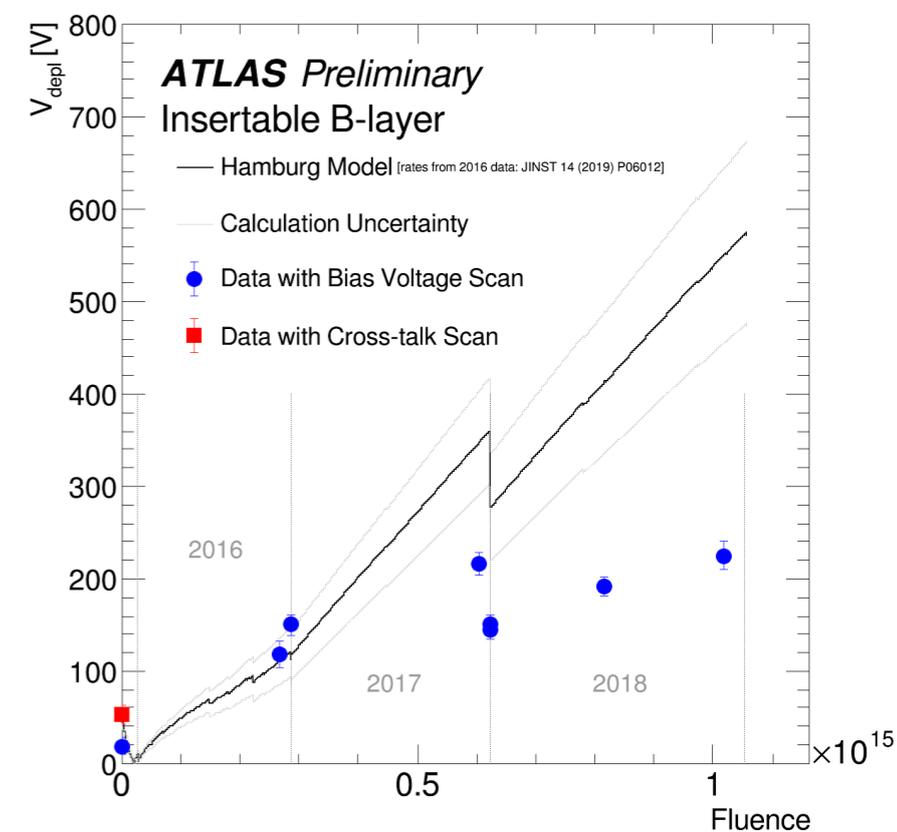
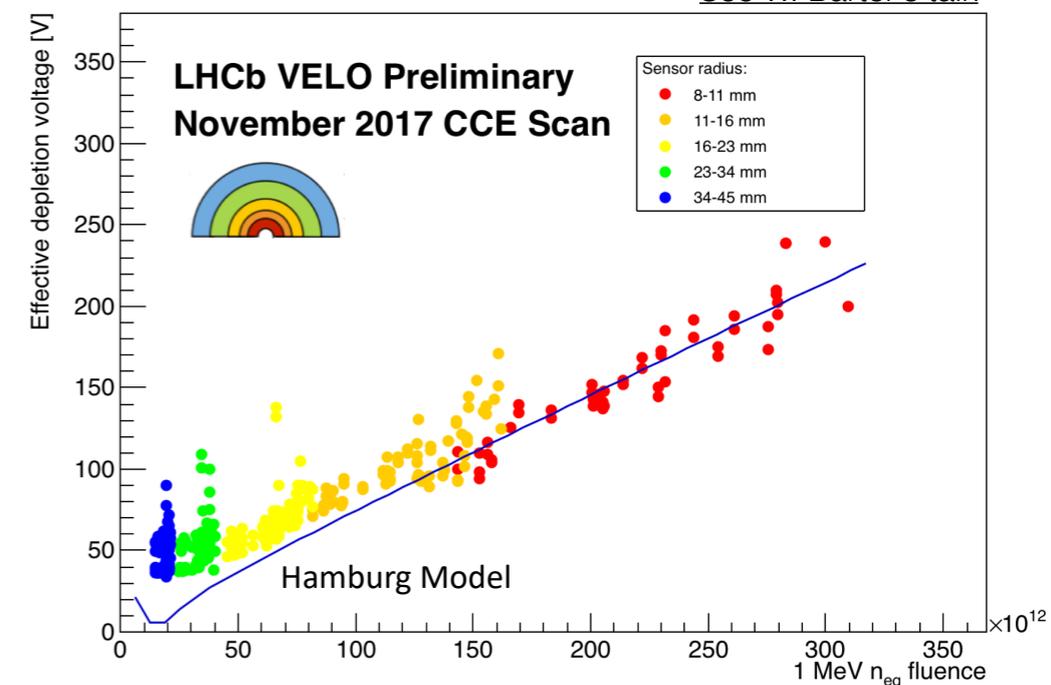
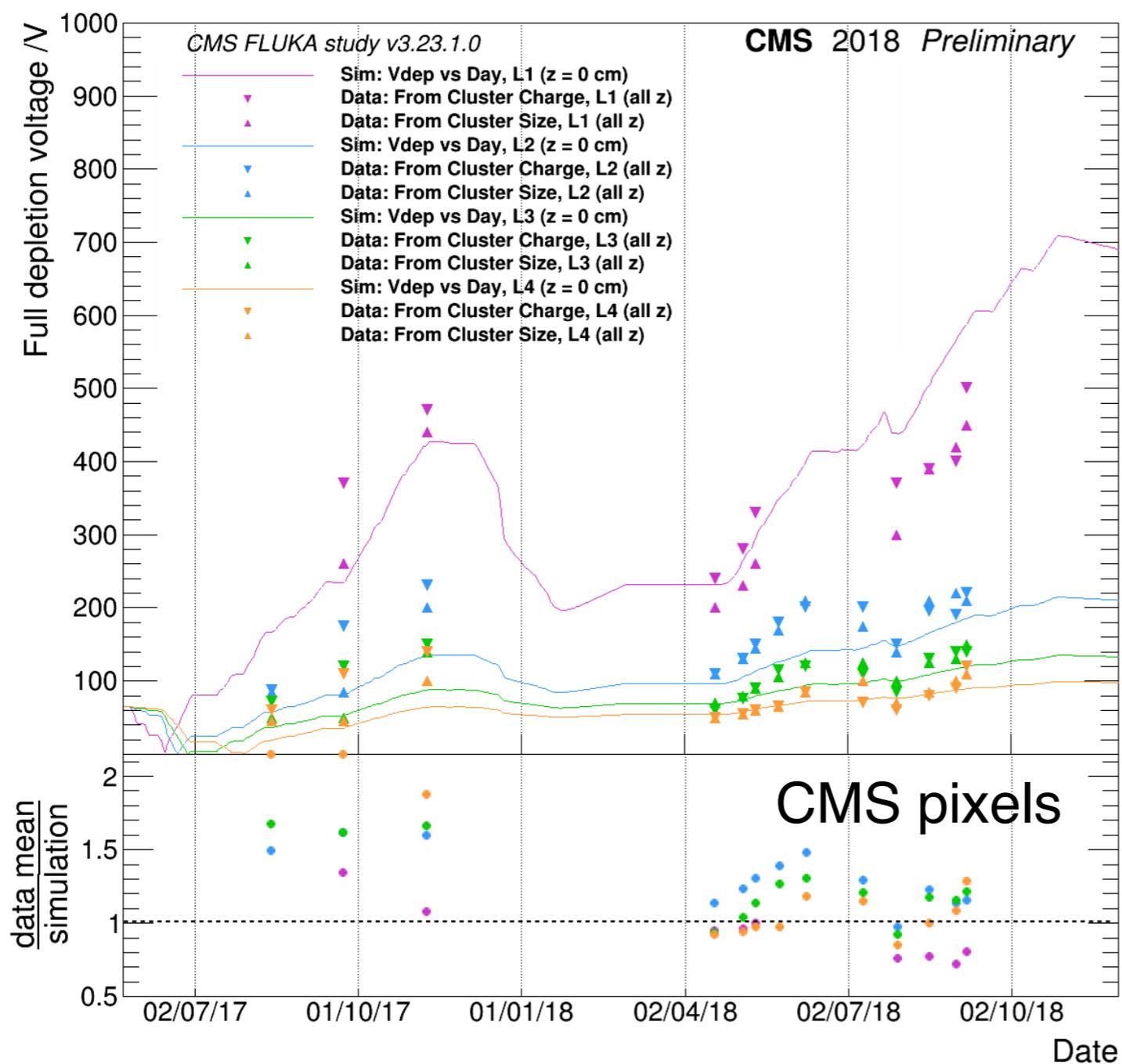
Depletion voltage across time and r

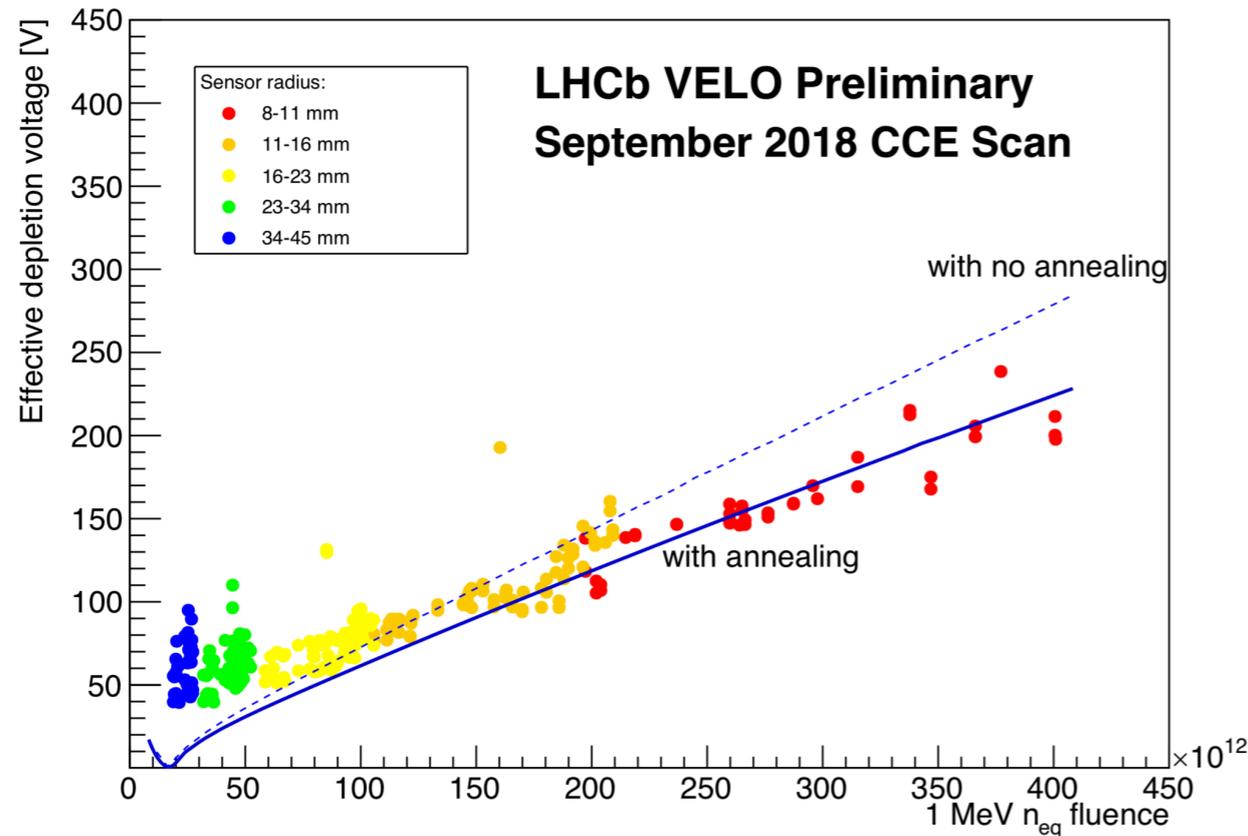


Difficult to fit all data points - challenging for extrapolation!

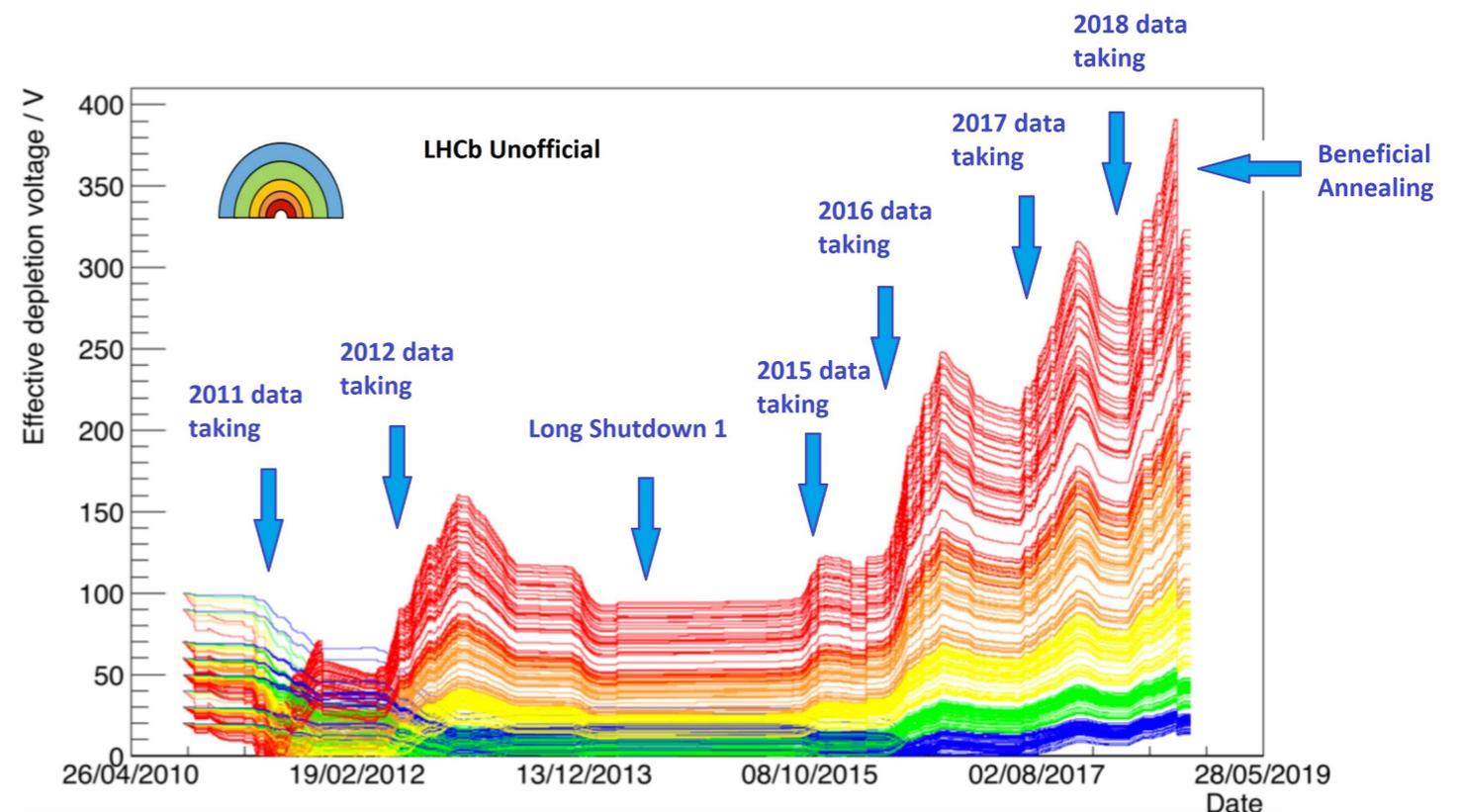
...do we need to modify the Hamburg model?

See W. Barter's talk



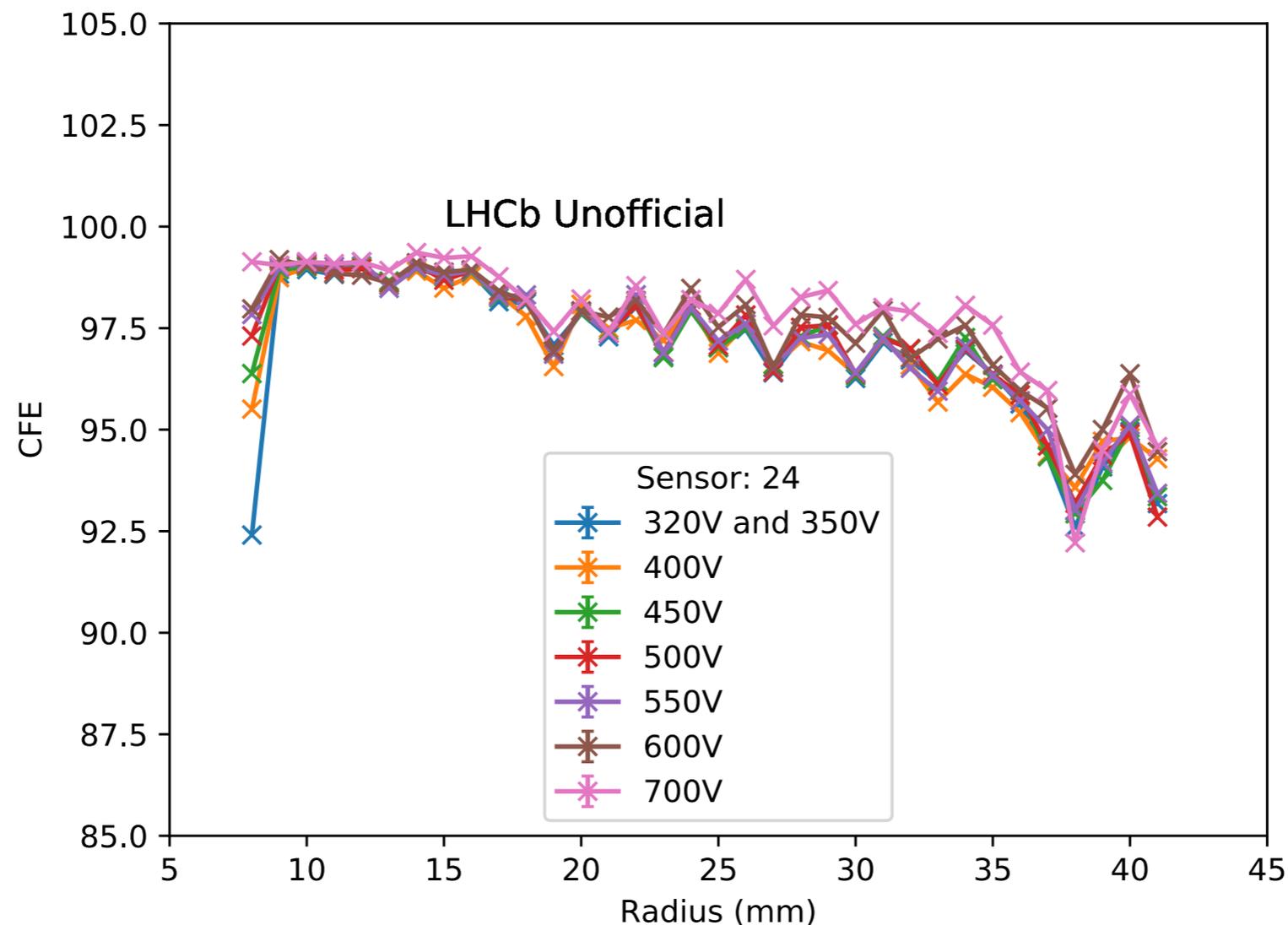


Radiation engineering: kept VELO at room temperature for 3 days in order to induce beneficial annealing and reduce depletion voltage by $\sim 70\text{V}$



What to do with end of life? Stress test!

Just before removing the VELO, LHCb cranked up the HV well beyond the depletion voltage to if some of the charge (CFE = charge fraction efficiency) could be recovered



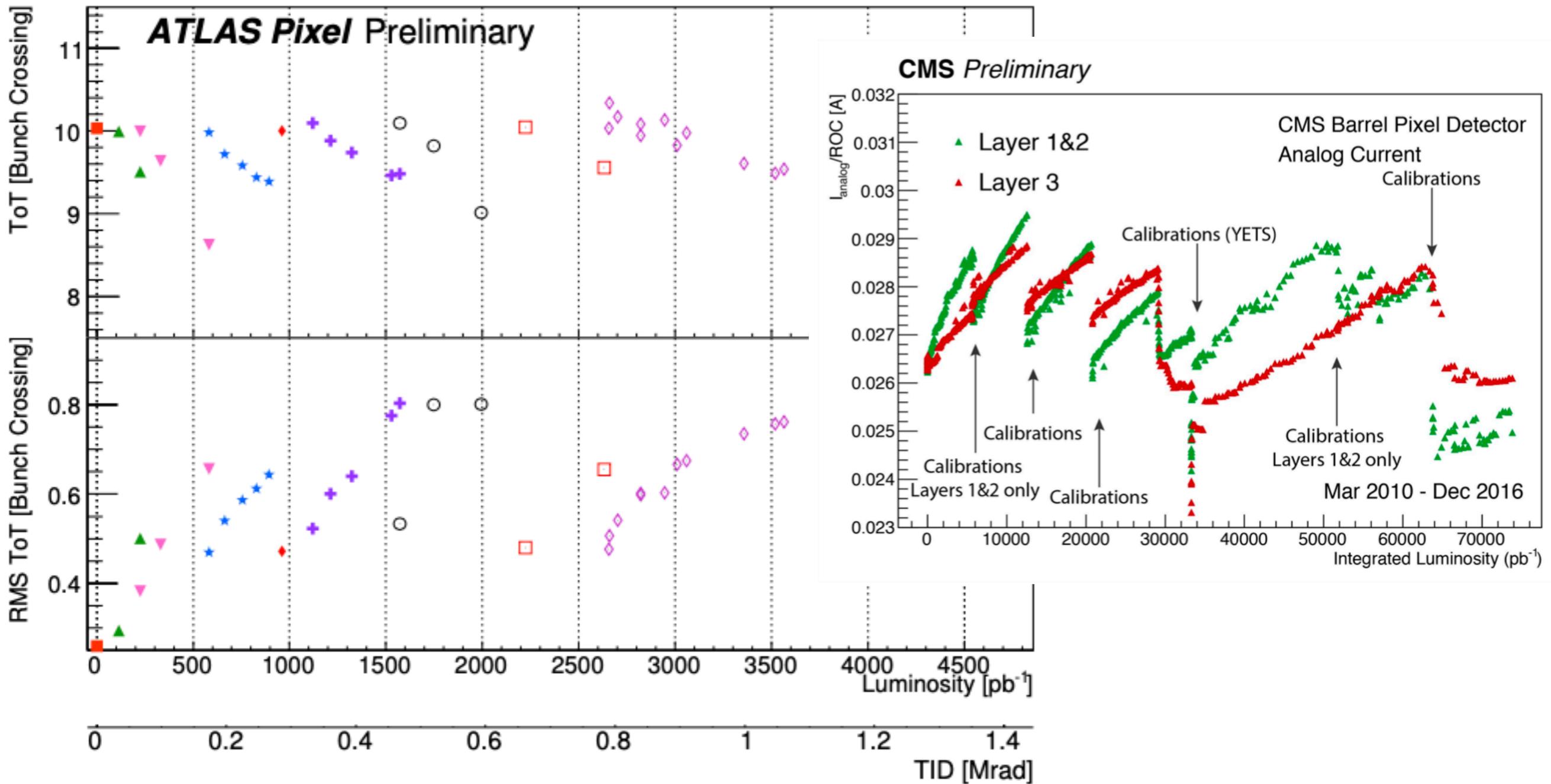
Can ATLAS/CMS do something like this at the end of Run 3?

Design HV
= 500 V

(3) Impact on (Opto-)Electronics

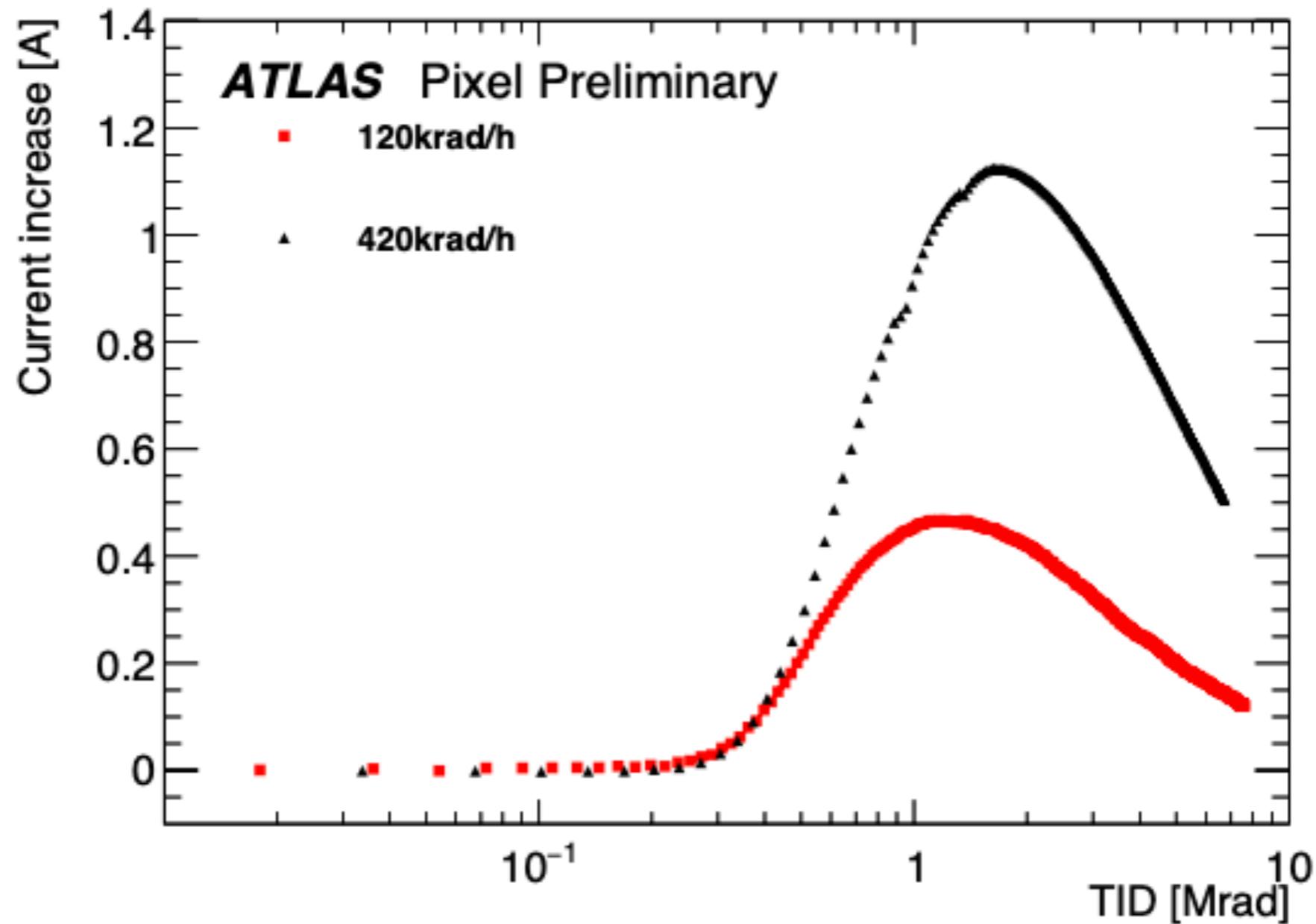


(3) Impact on (Opto-)Electronics



Calibration drifts with time and needs to be recalibrated.

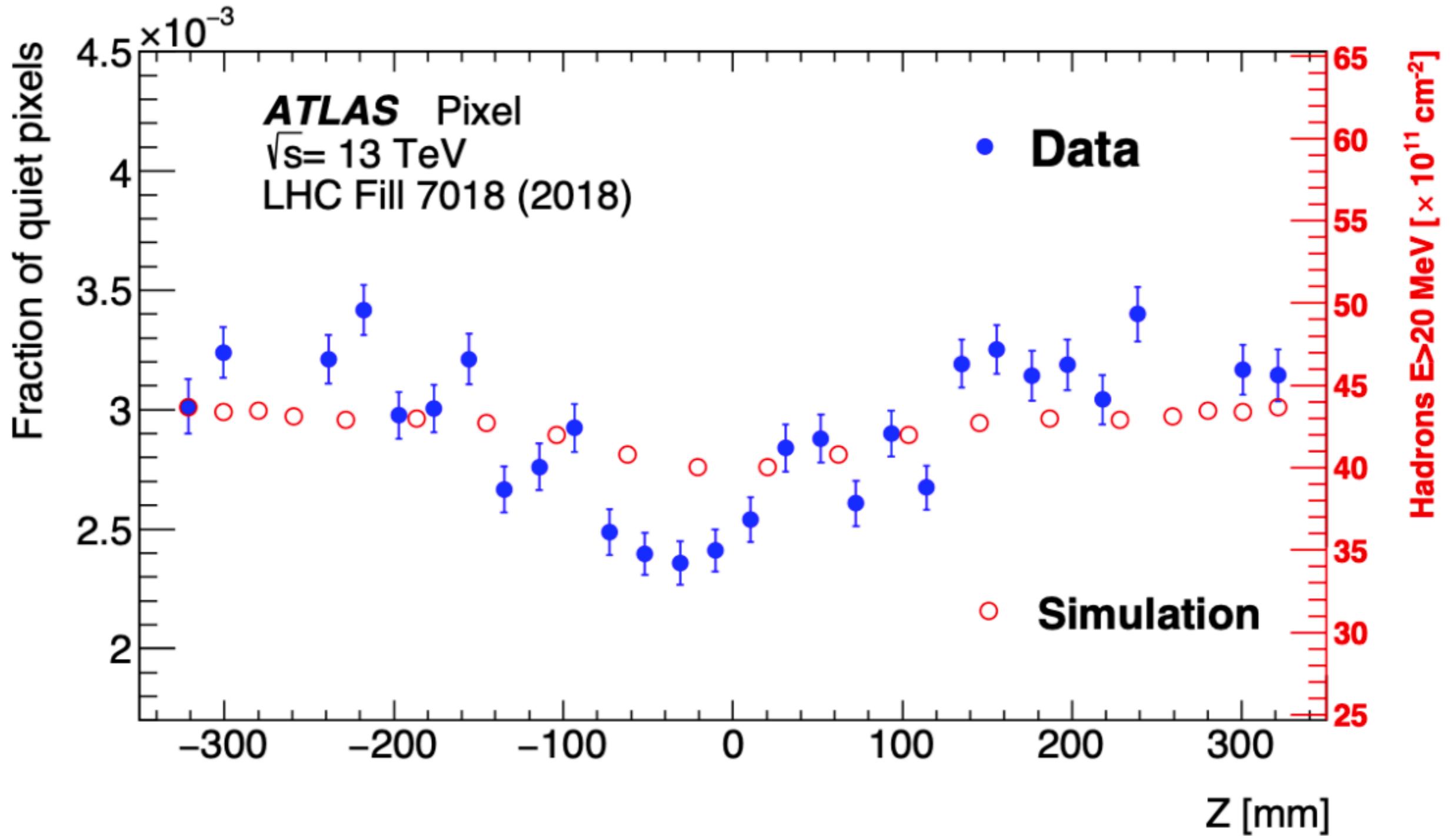
Some “surprises”



See studies by
[A. Dimitrievska](#)
et al. for RD53

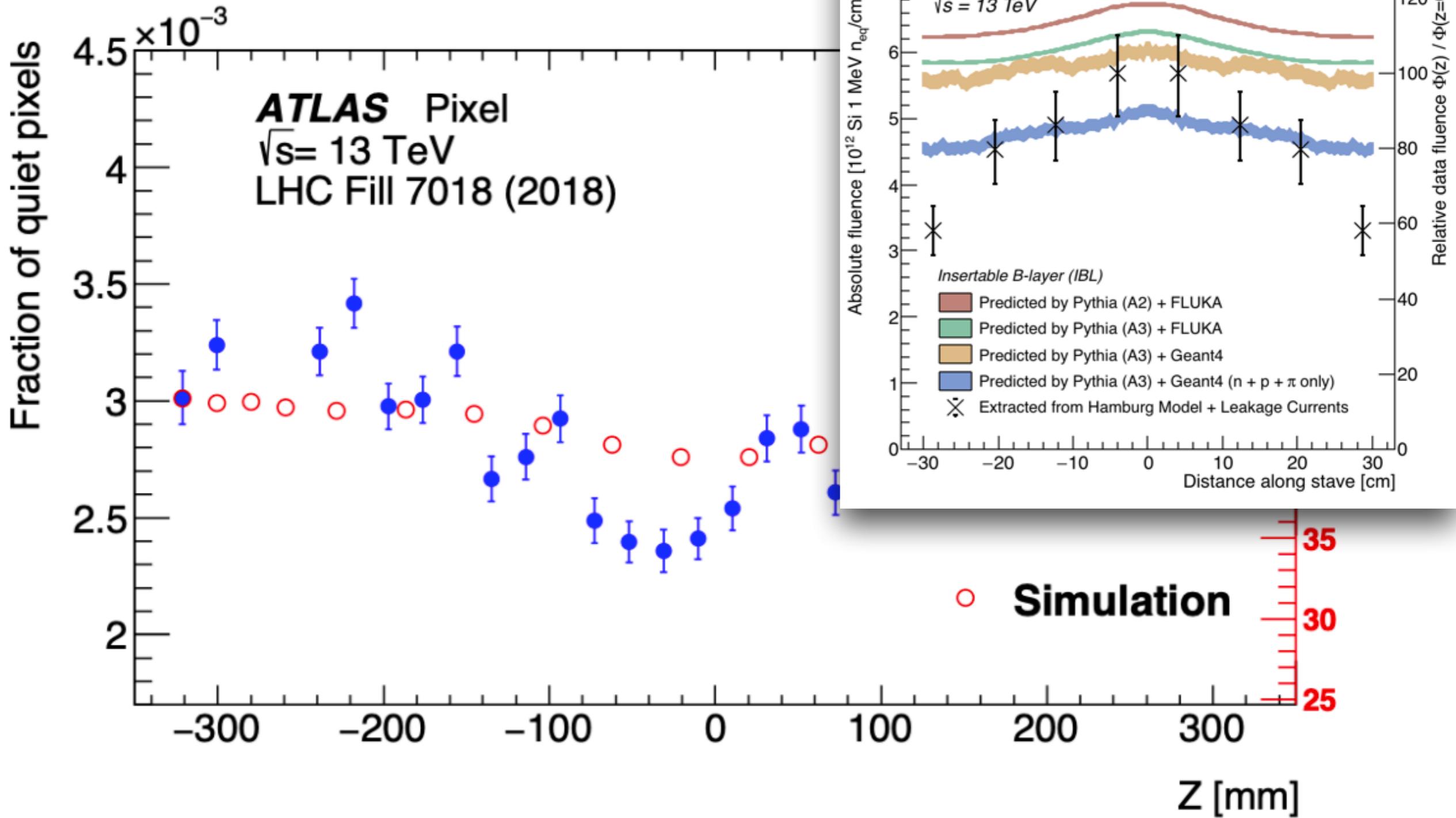
Low TID “bump” was a challenge for the IBL when it was first inserted. ATLAS upgrade: pre-irradiate (!)

Measurement of SEUs



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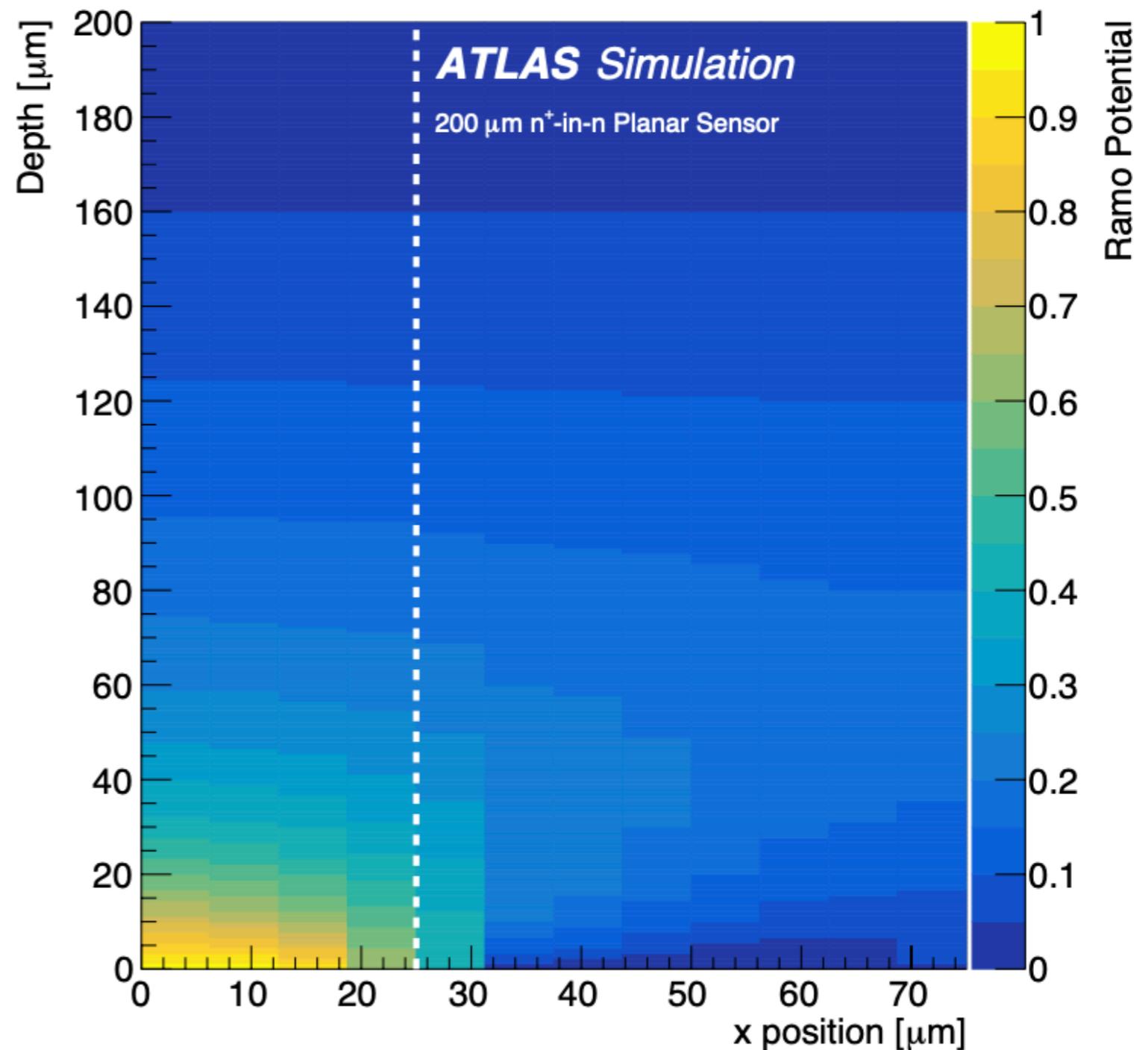
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Two levels of detail:

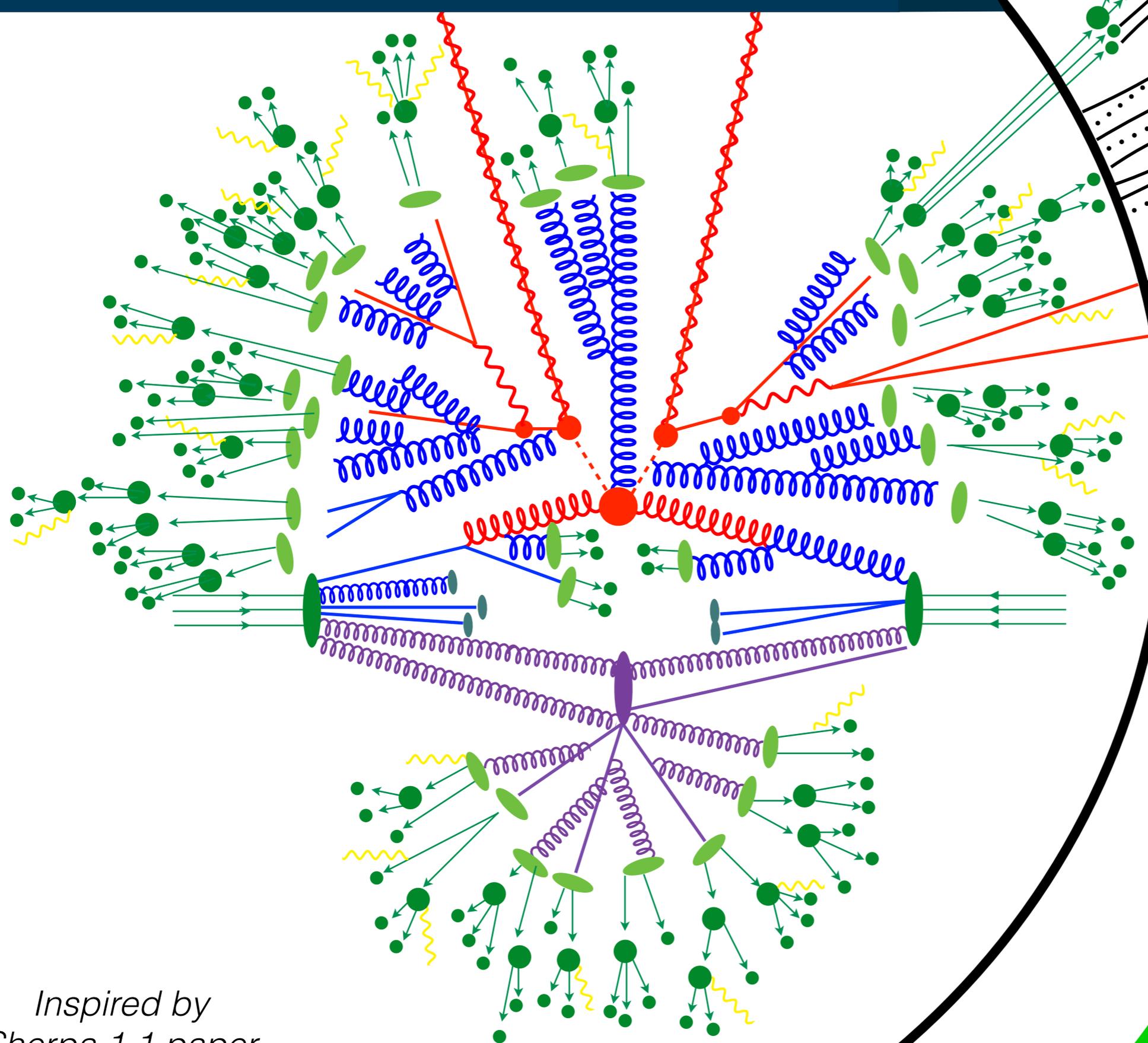
TCAD simulations of individual sensors

Monte Carlo simulation of entire detector systems

(used for physics analysis)



Full detector physics simulations



*Inspired by
Sherpa 1.1 paper*

Full detector physics simulations

Hard-scatter

*MadGraph 5 / aMC@NLO
POWHEG-BOX*



Fragmentation

Pythia, Herwig, Sherpa



Material Interactions

Geant 4

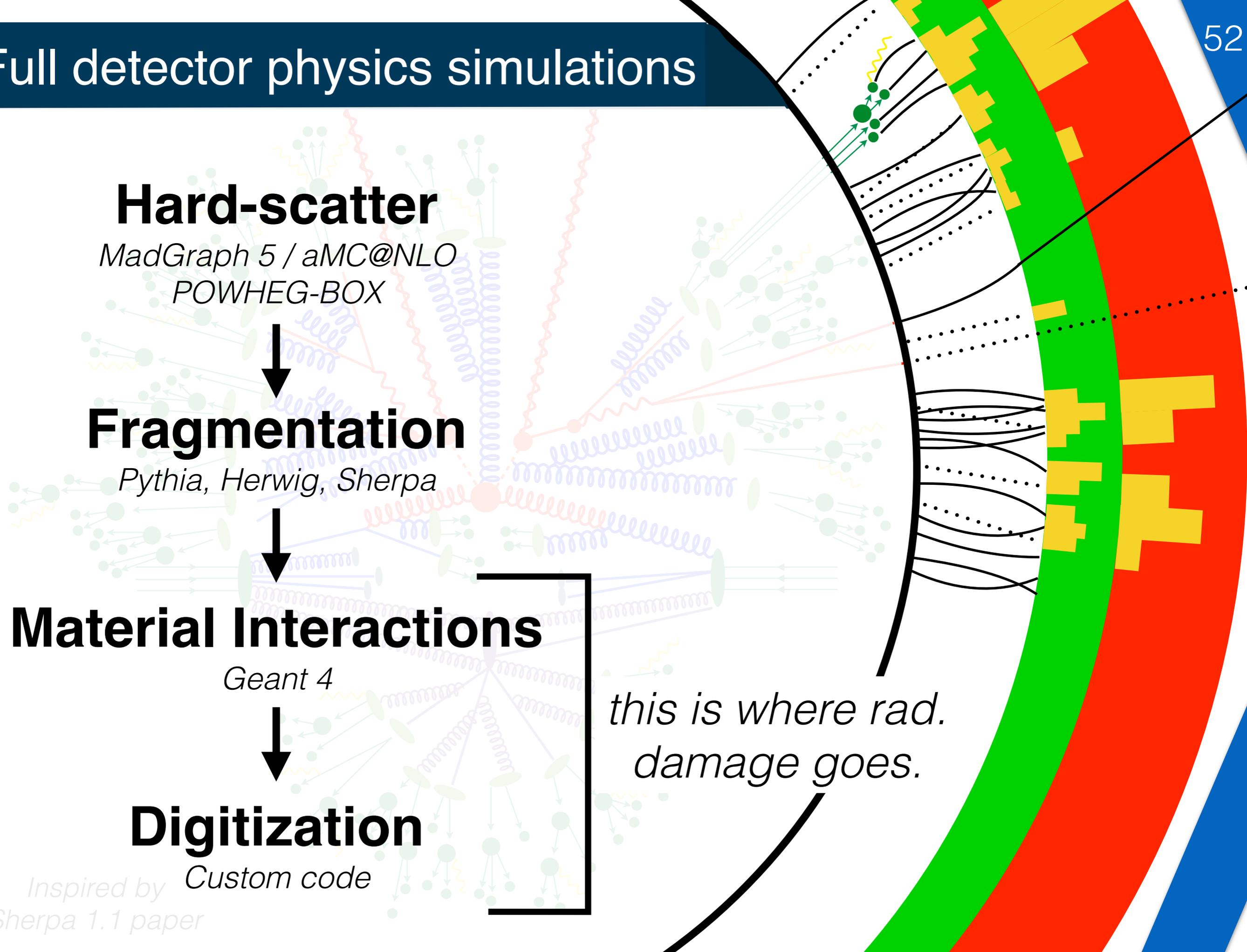


Digitization

Custom code

Inspired by Sherpa 1.1 paper

this is where rad. damage goes.



Current Run 2 (Si) Simulation

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Energy
Deposition

Bichsel Model
+ G4 (δ -rays)

Geant4

Geant4

Energy
spreading

from Bichsel
+ chunking

from
Geant4

Uniform (space) +
uniform/Gauss (E)

E-field/
Lorentz angle

uniform

uniform

N/A

Diffusion

Einstein

Einstein

tuned

Noise

capacitive
coupling + noise

readout noise

capacitive
coupling + noise

Radiation
damage

none

none

none

Next Generation (Si) Simulation

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Energy
Deposition

Bichsel Model
+ G4 (δ -rays)

Pixelav
(applied as
correction to G4)

Geant4

Energy
spreading

from Bichsel
+ chunking

from Bichsel
+ chunking

Uniform (space) +
uniform/Gauss (E)

E-field/
Lorentz angle

TCAD
(Chiochia et al.)

TCAD
(tuned to data)

N/A

Diffusion

Einstein

Einstein

tuned

Noise

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readout noise

capacitive
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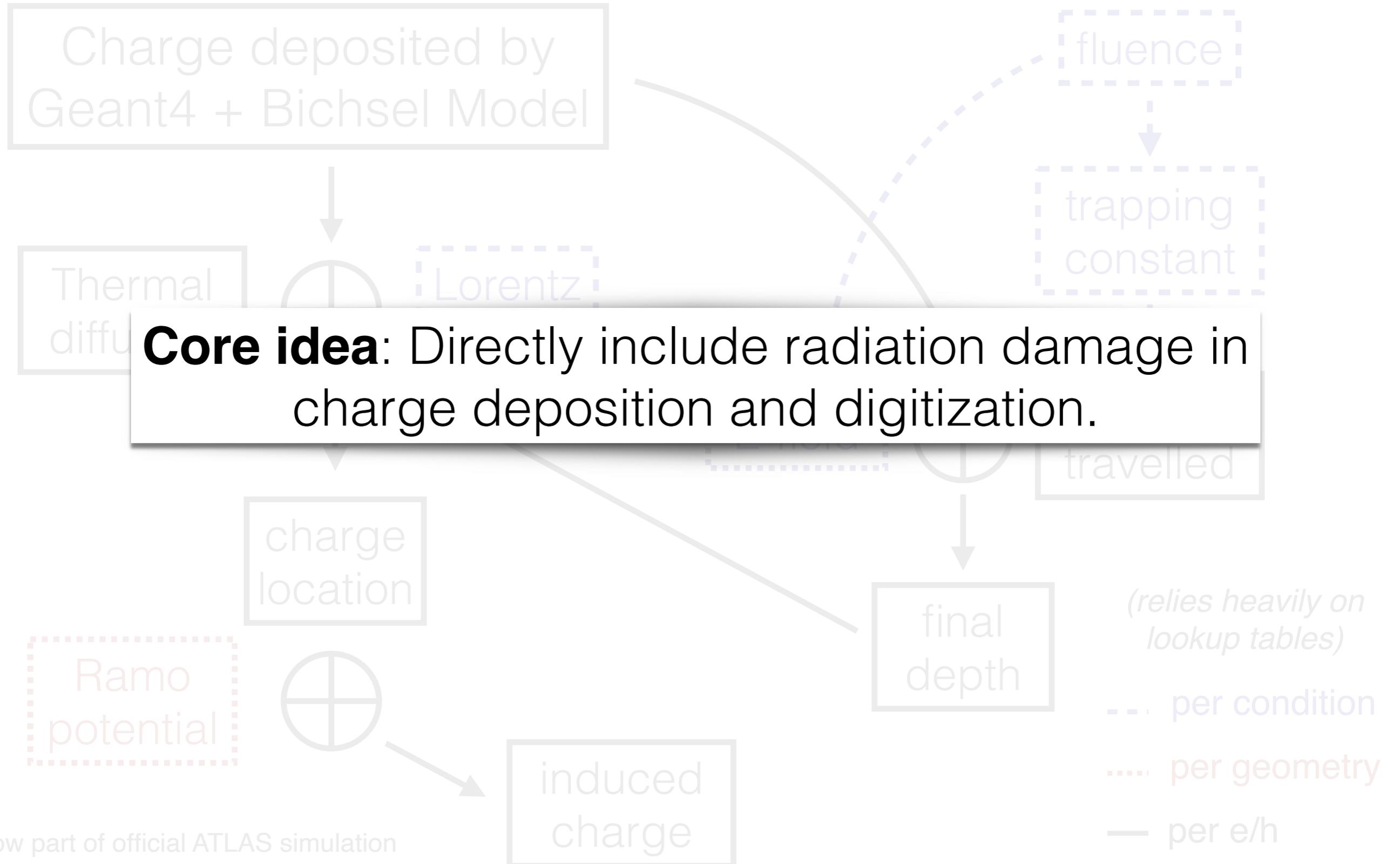
Radiation
damage

**trapping +
charge induction**

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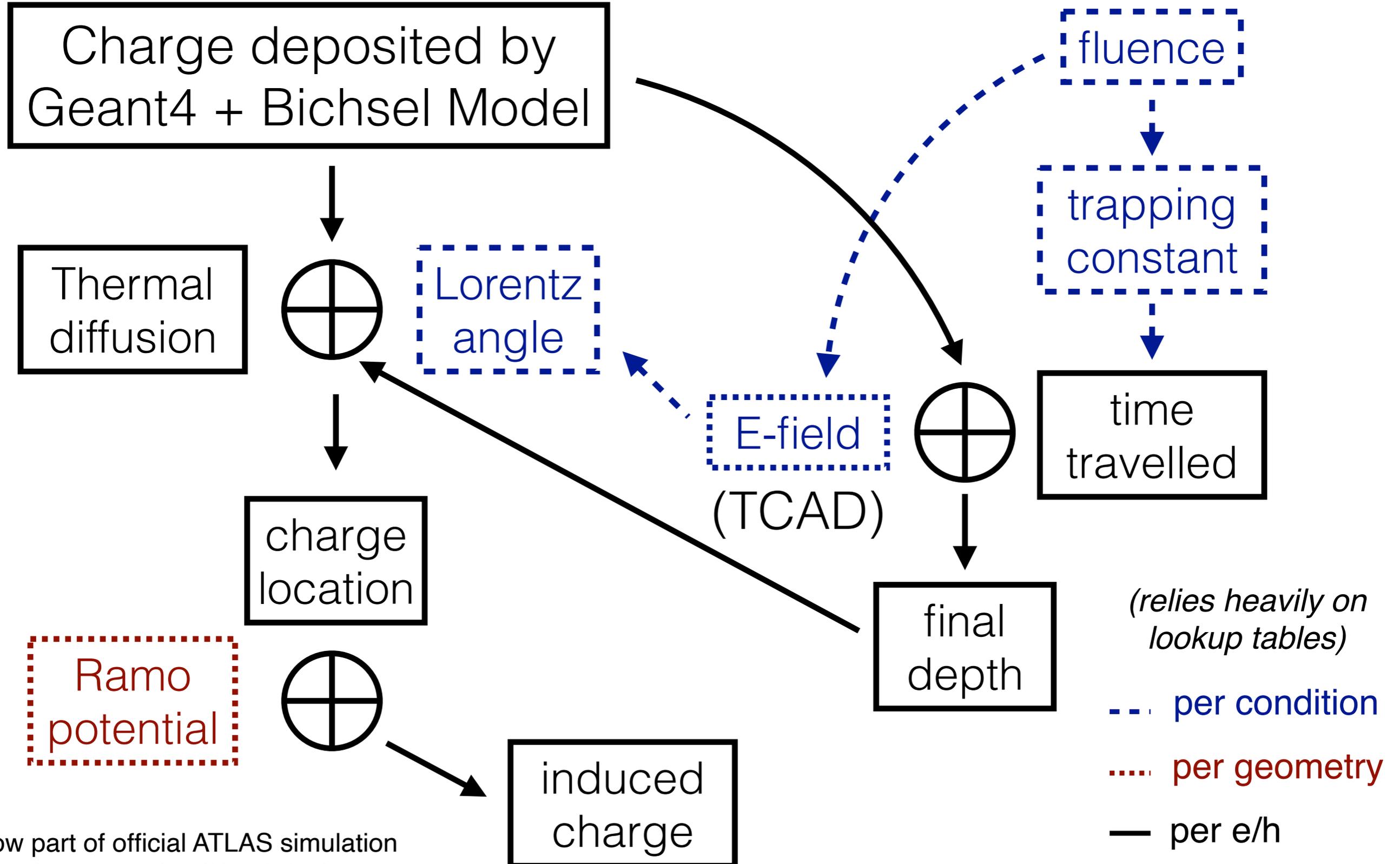
**charge & 'diffusion'
corrections**

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--- per condition

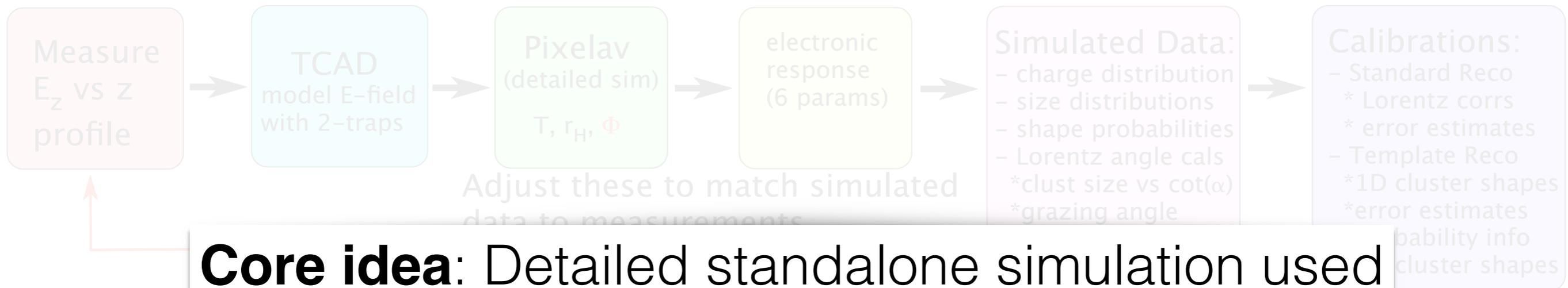
..... per geometry

— per e/h

New CMS Pixel Simulation Details

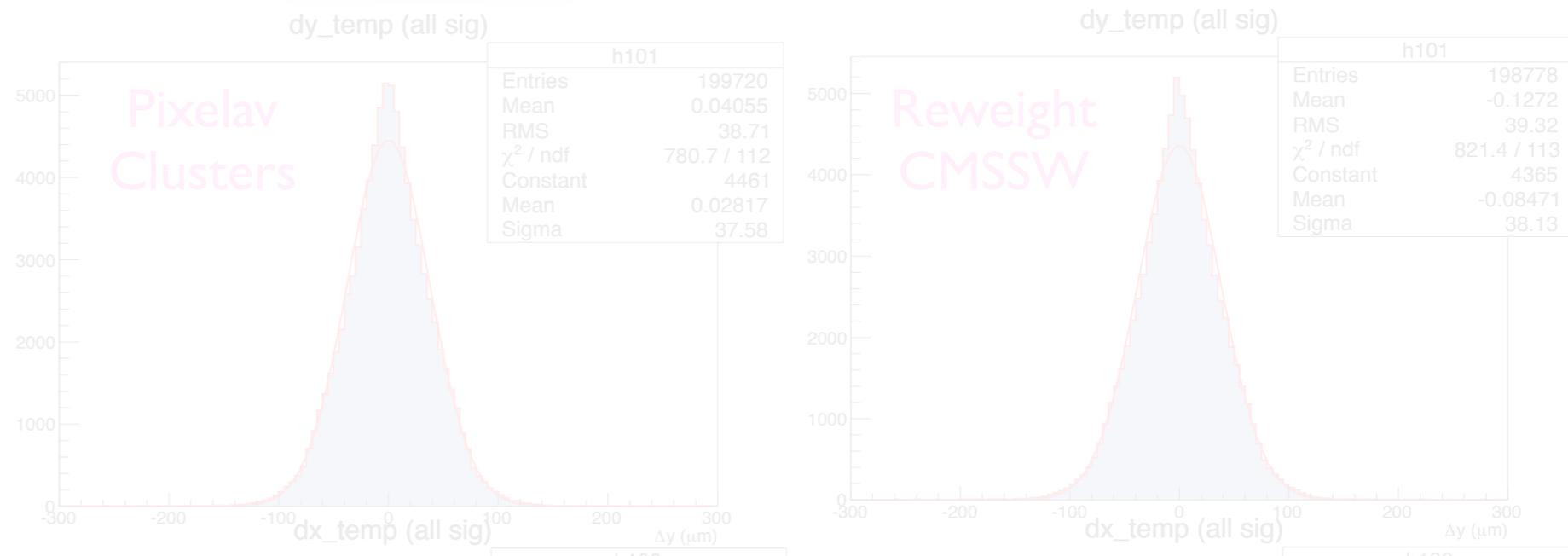


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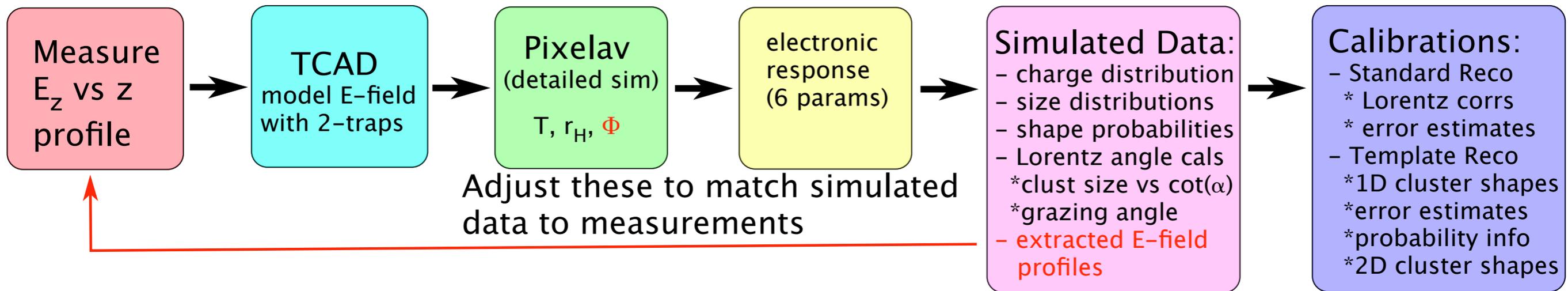
Core idea: Detailed standalone simulation used to apply corrections to simulation.

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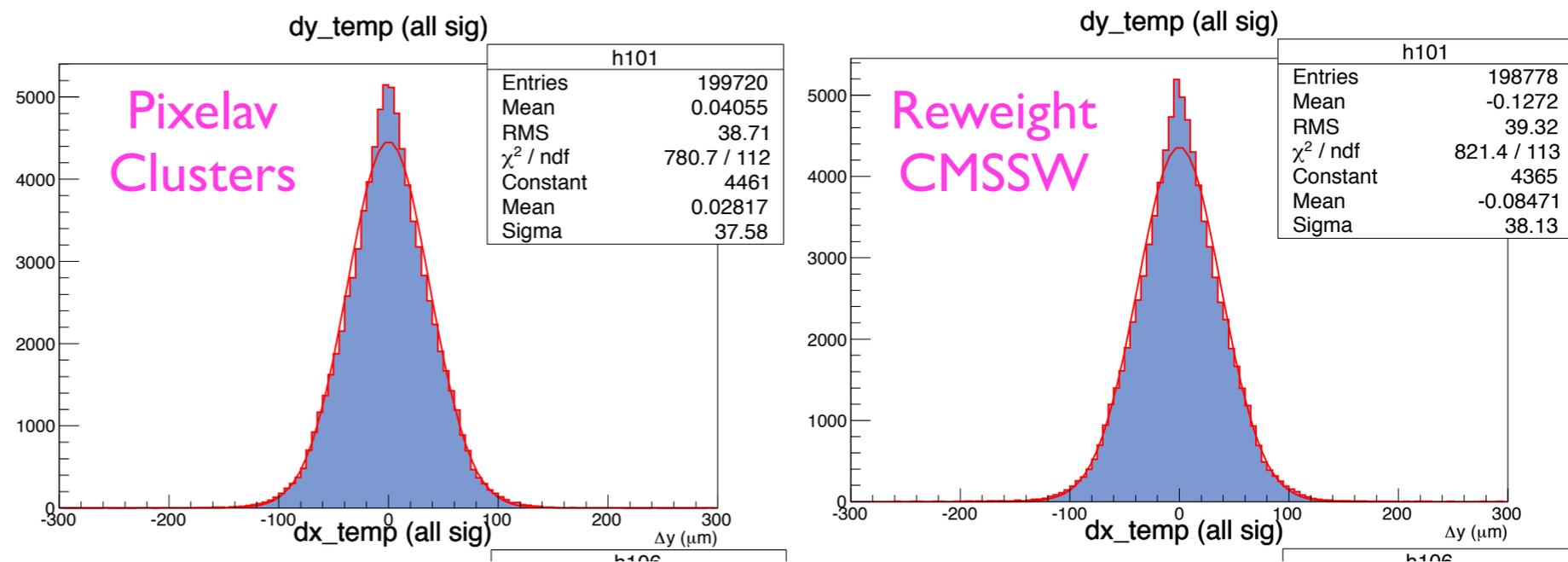
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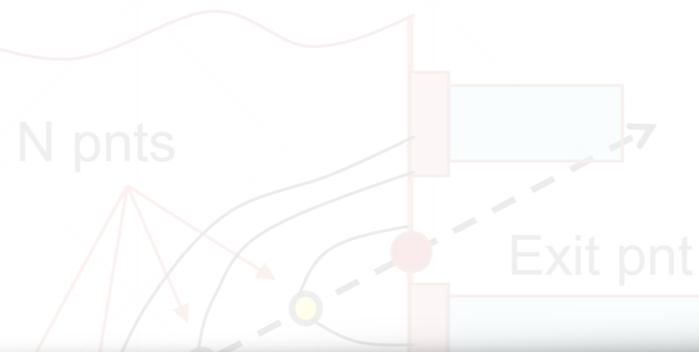
Different approach:

instead of modifying primary simulation, perform detailed independent simulation and apply correction factors.

Fully simulated $\Phi=1.2 \times 10^{15} \text{ n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$ clust vs reweighted CMSSW-like clust



See [M. Swartz's talk](#) for more details.



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CMS: reduce charge and
increase “diffusion length”

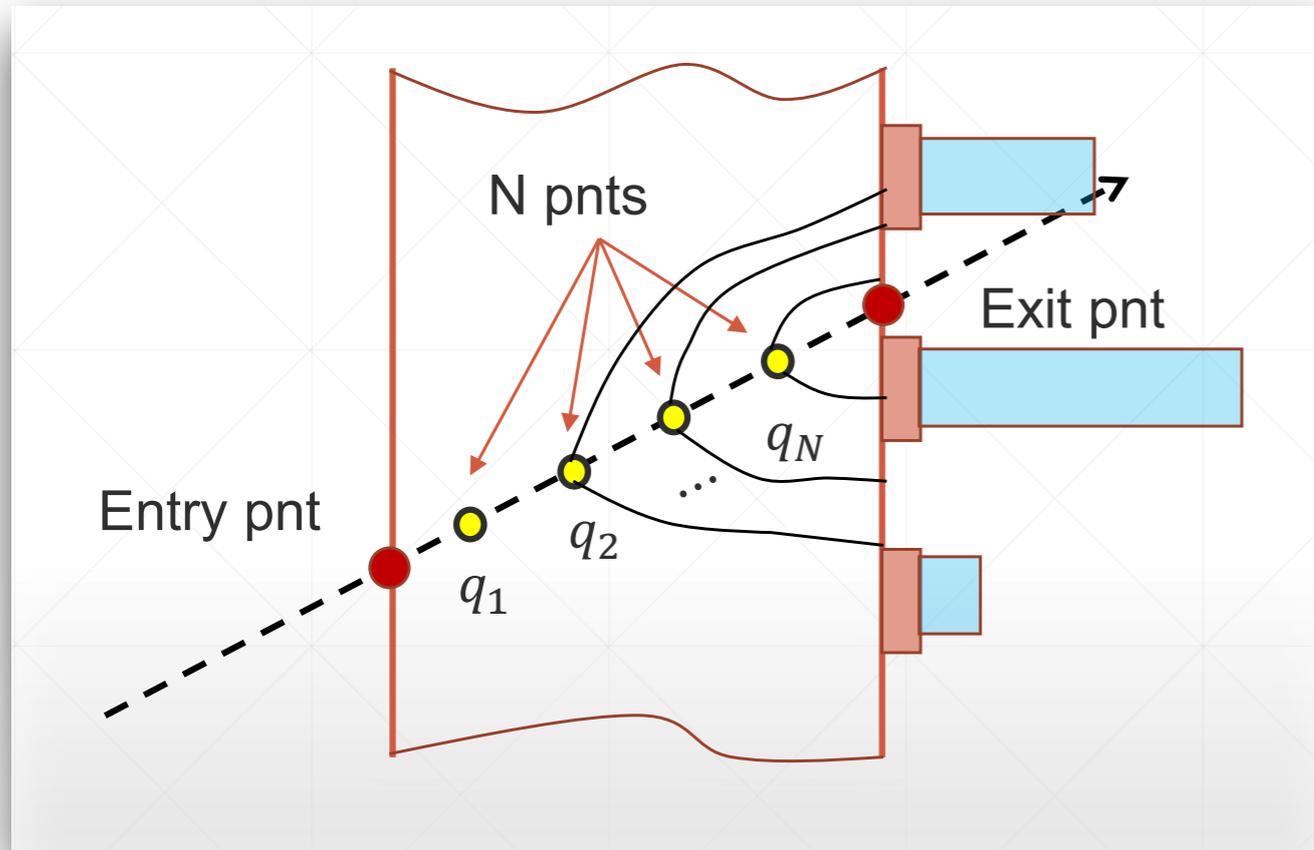
Core idea: Modify standard charge propagation parameters to effectively model rad. damage.

Tuned once/year.

Preliminary results look promising and validation with bigger simulations is ongoing.

New LHCb Pixel Simulation Details

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CMS: reduce charge and
increase “diffusion length”
to match data.

Tuned once/year.

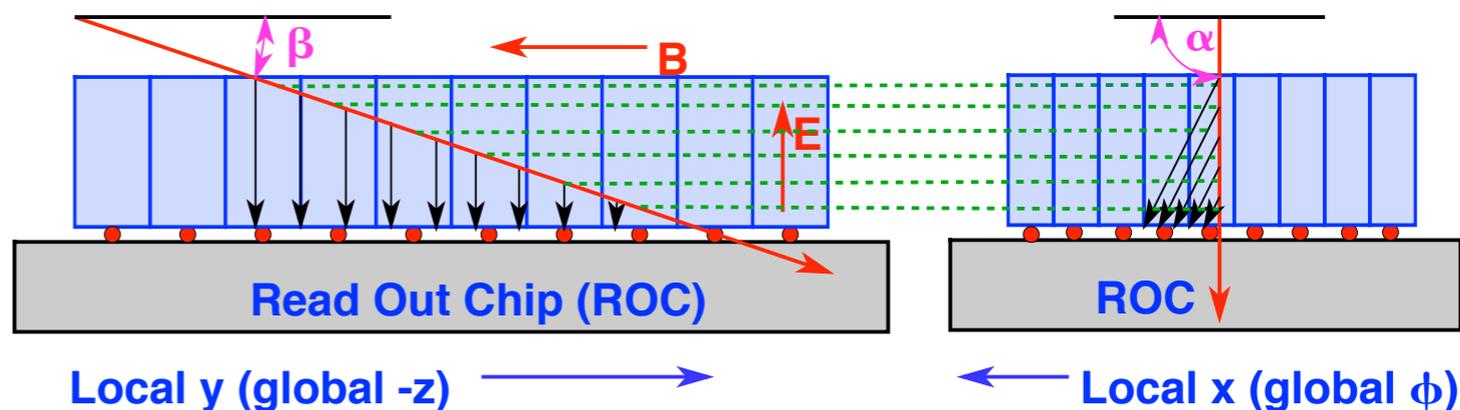
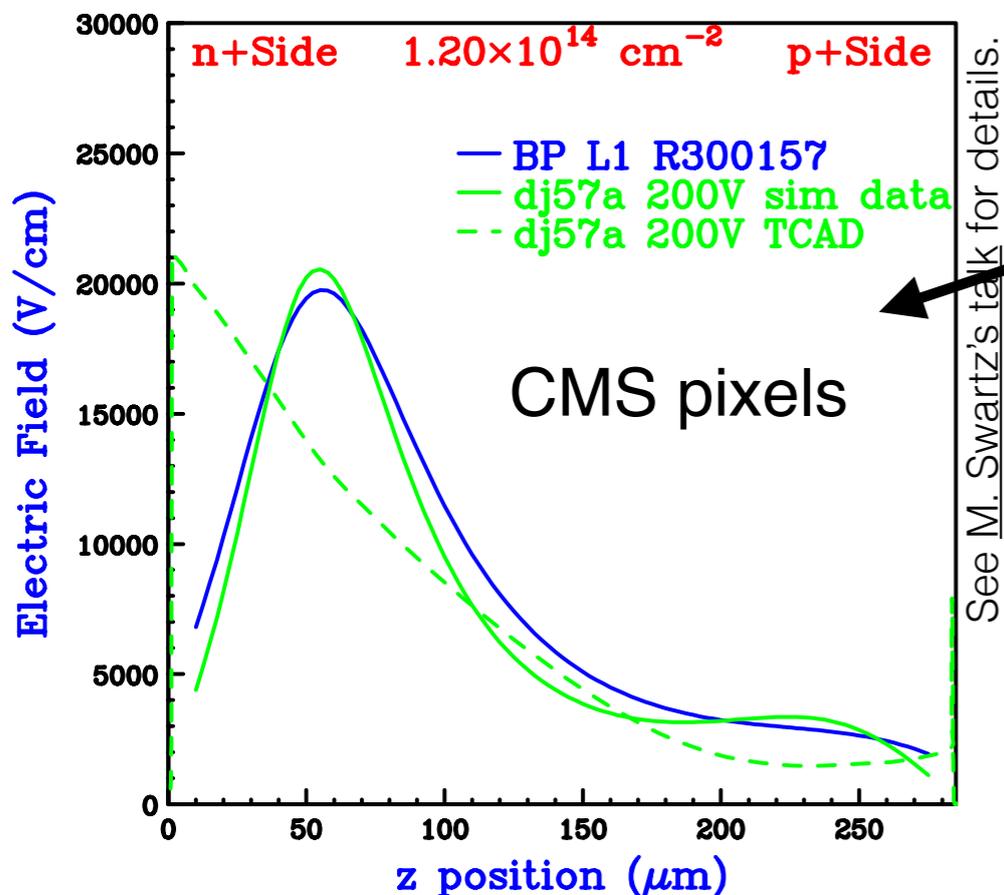
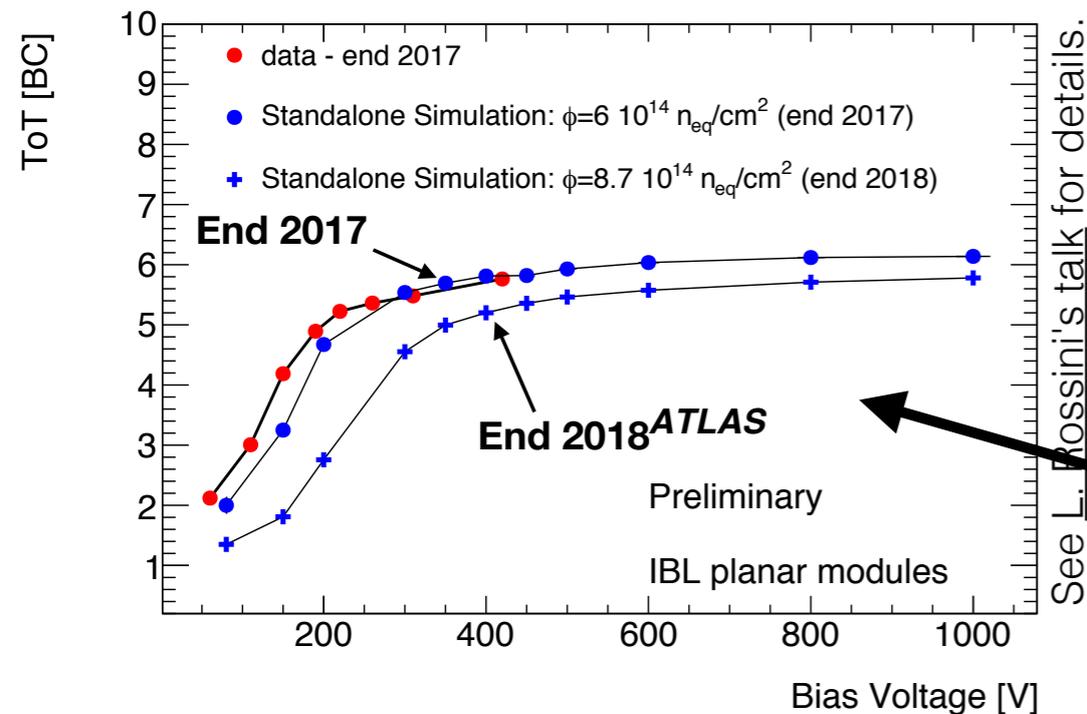
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Validation with data

We have probes which are sensitive to the detailed structure of the E-field.

Charge collection efficiency for “under-depleted” sensors.

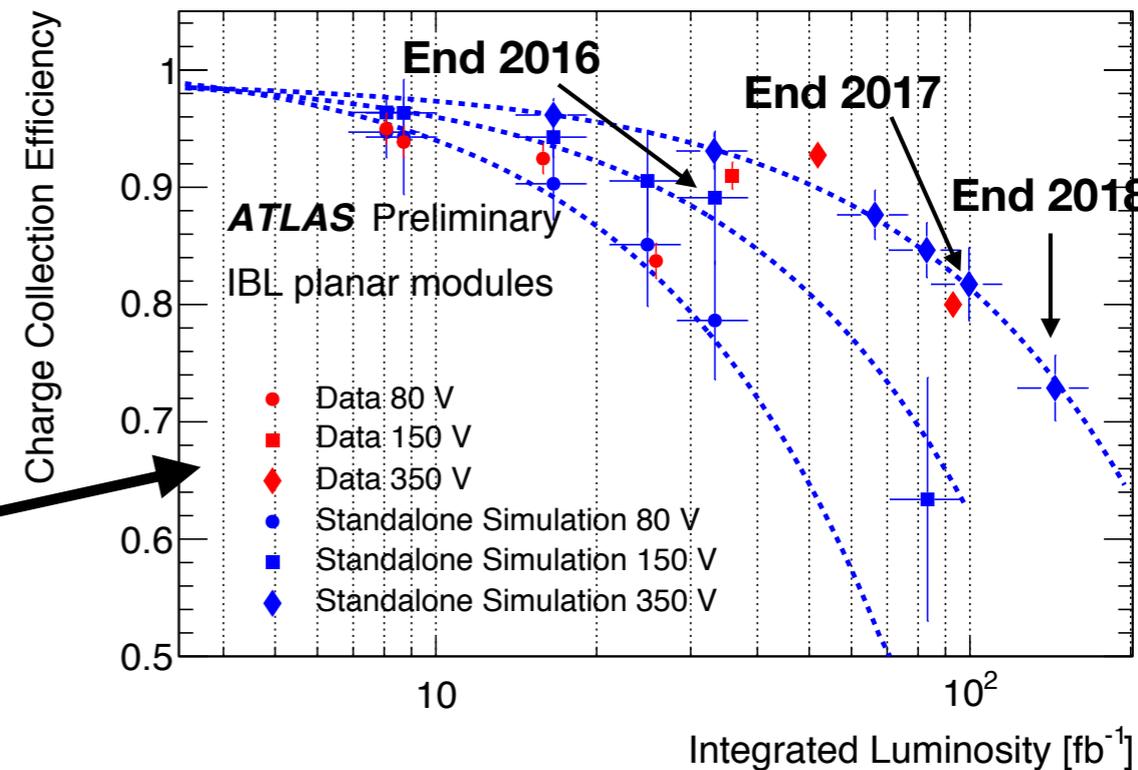
Charge drift depth-dependence using long clusters.
(invert mobility to get E-field)



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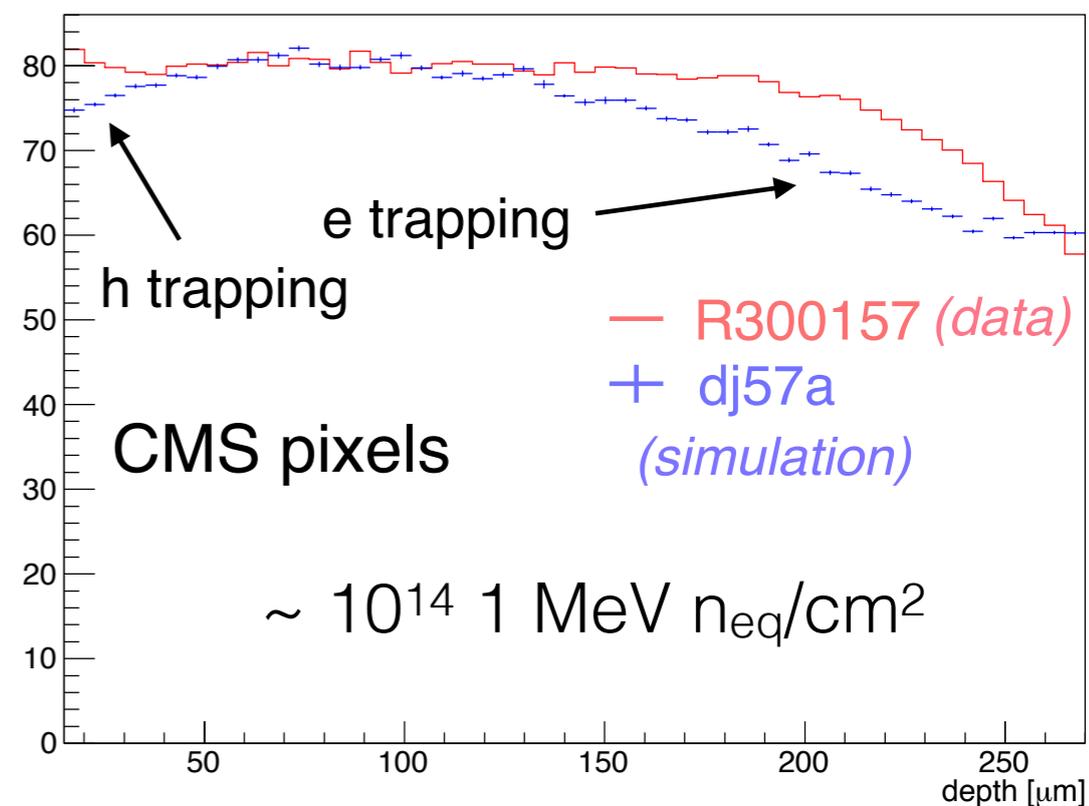
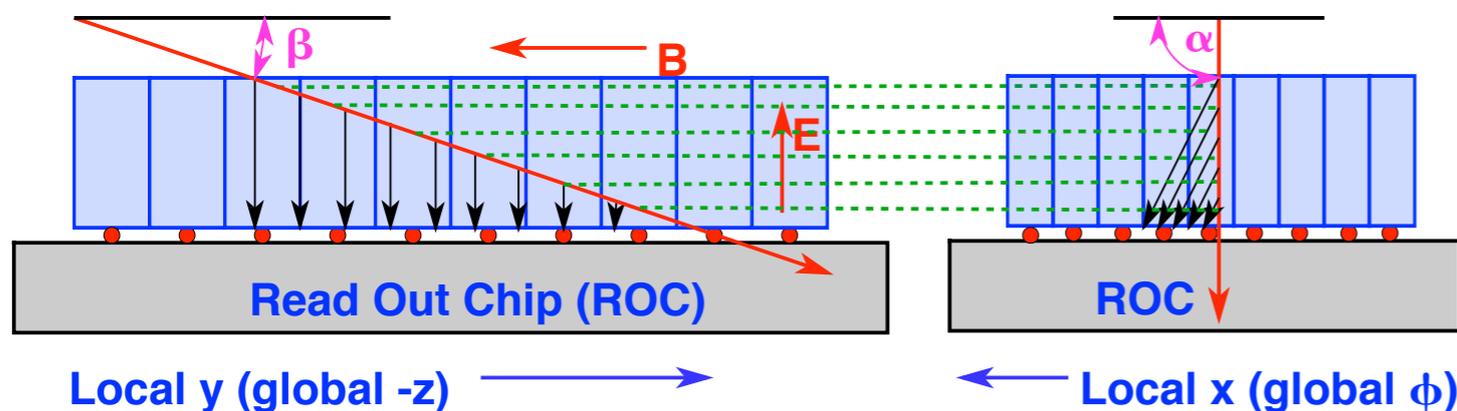
We also have probes that are very sensitive to charge trapping.

MPV of the deposited charge, normalized to unity at zero fluence.



See L. Rossini's talk for details.

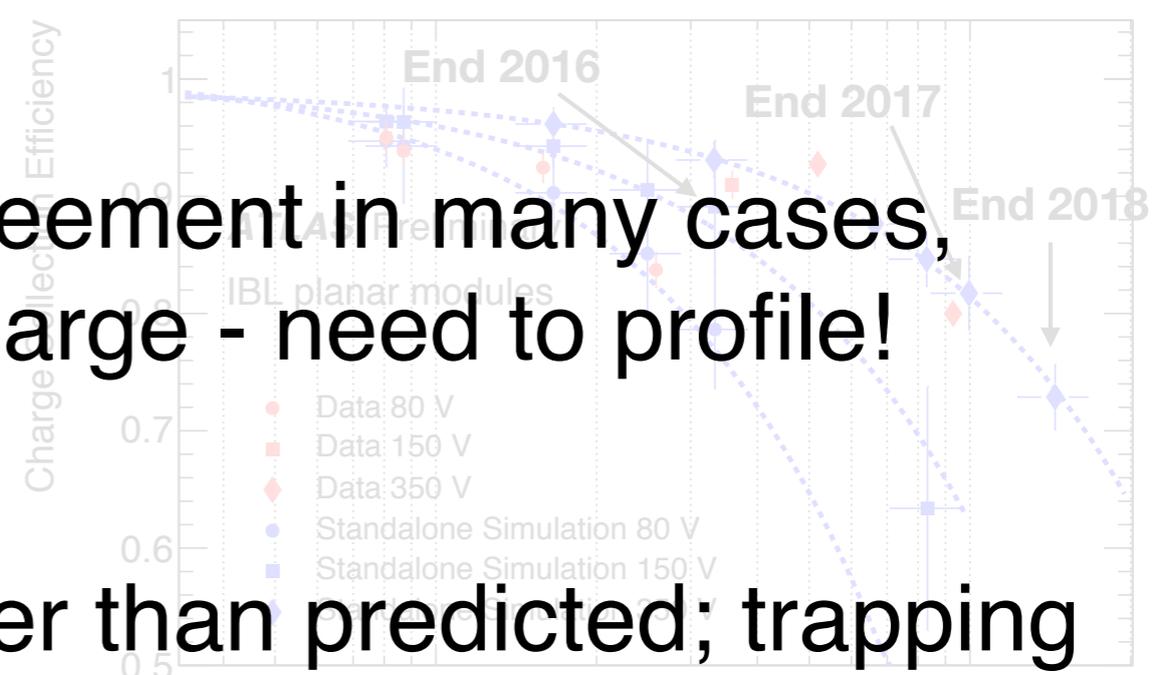
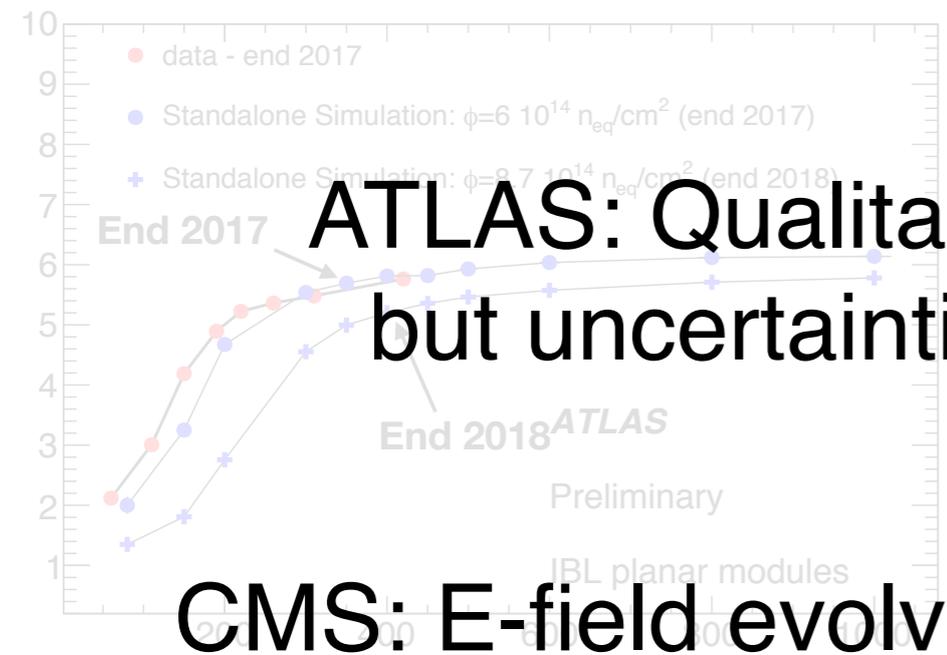
Using long clusters again, look at the charge versus depth.



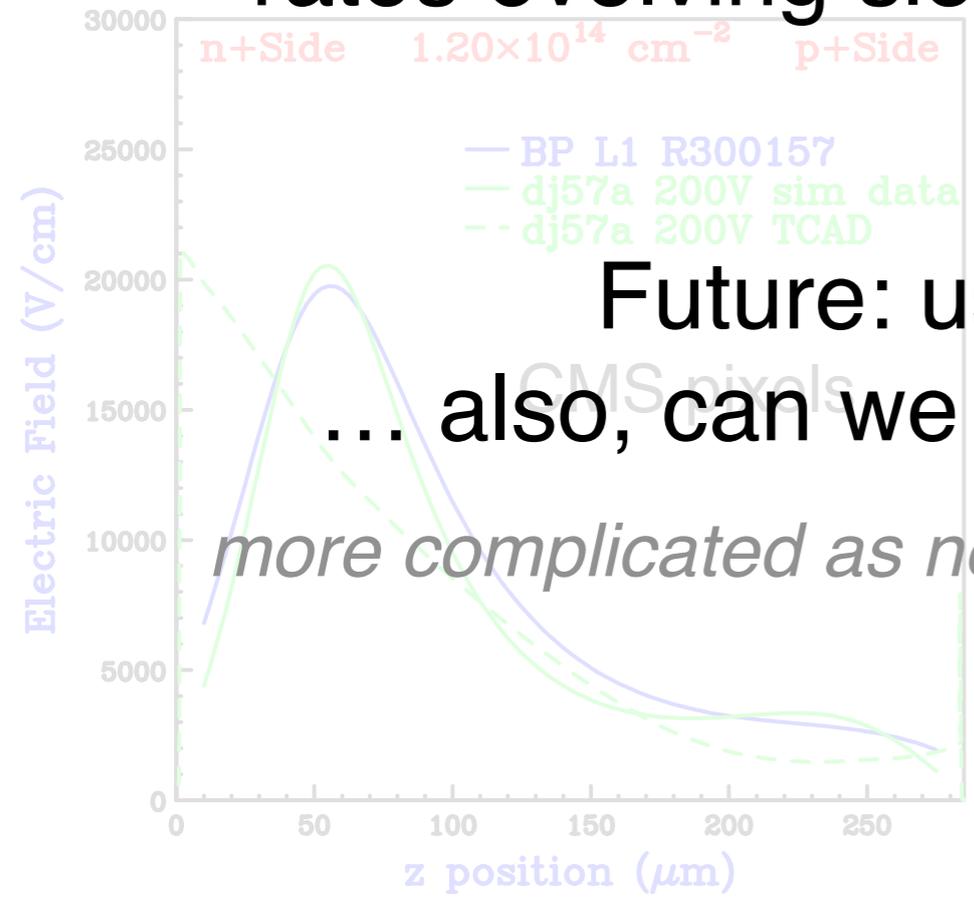
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Validation with data

ATLAS: Qualitative agreement in many cases, but uncertainties are large - need to profile!

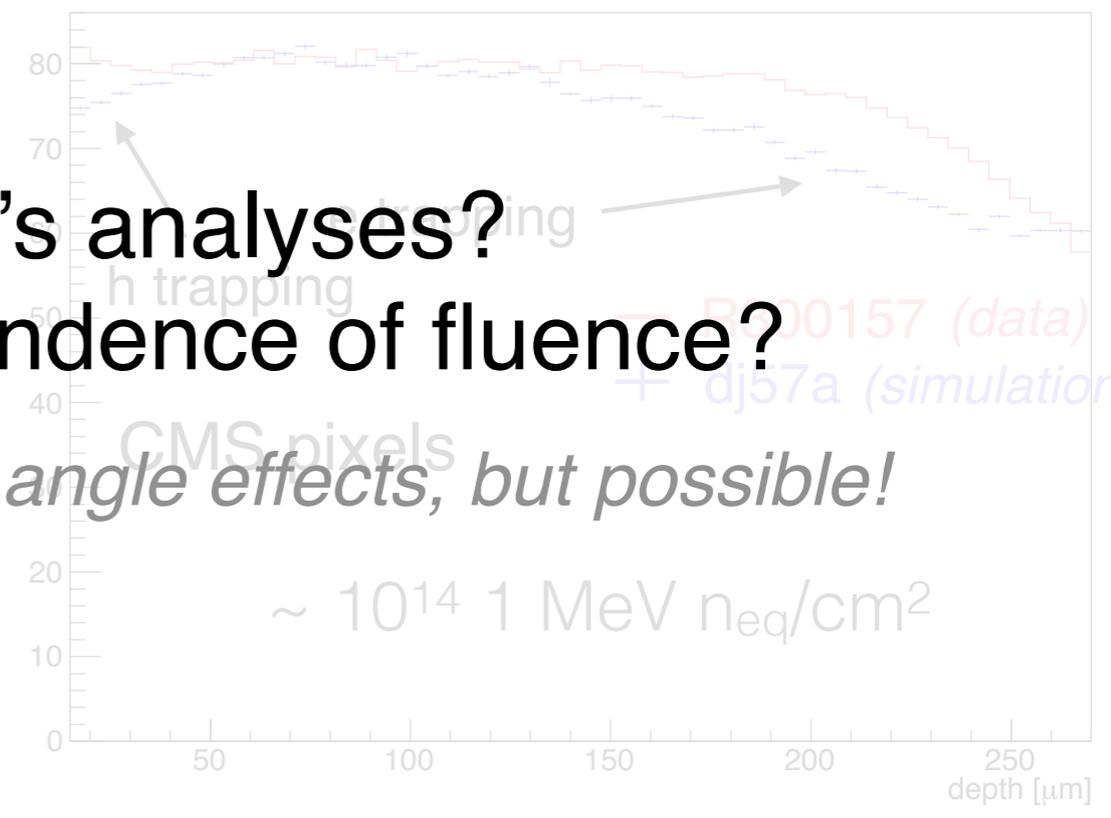


CMS: E-field evolving faster than predicted; trapping rates evolving slower than expected (~60% fluence)



Future: use each other's analyses? ... also, can we check z-dependence of fluence?

more complicated as need to correct for angle effects, but possible!



...where I'd like to see progress for the years ahead:

Understand the mysterious I_{ZI} dependence of the fluence
Incorporate physics measurements into fluence predictions

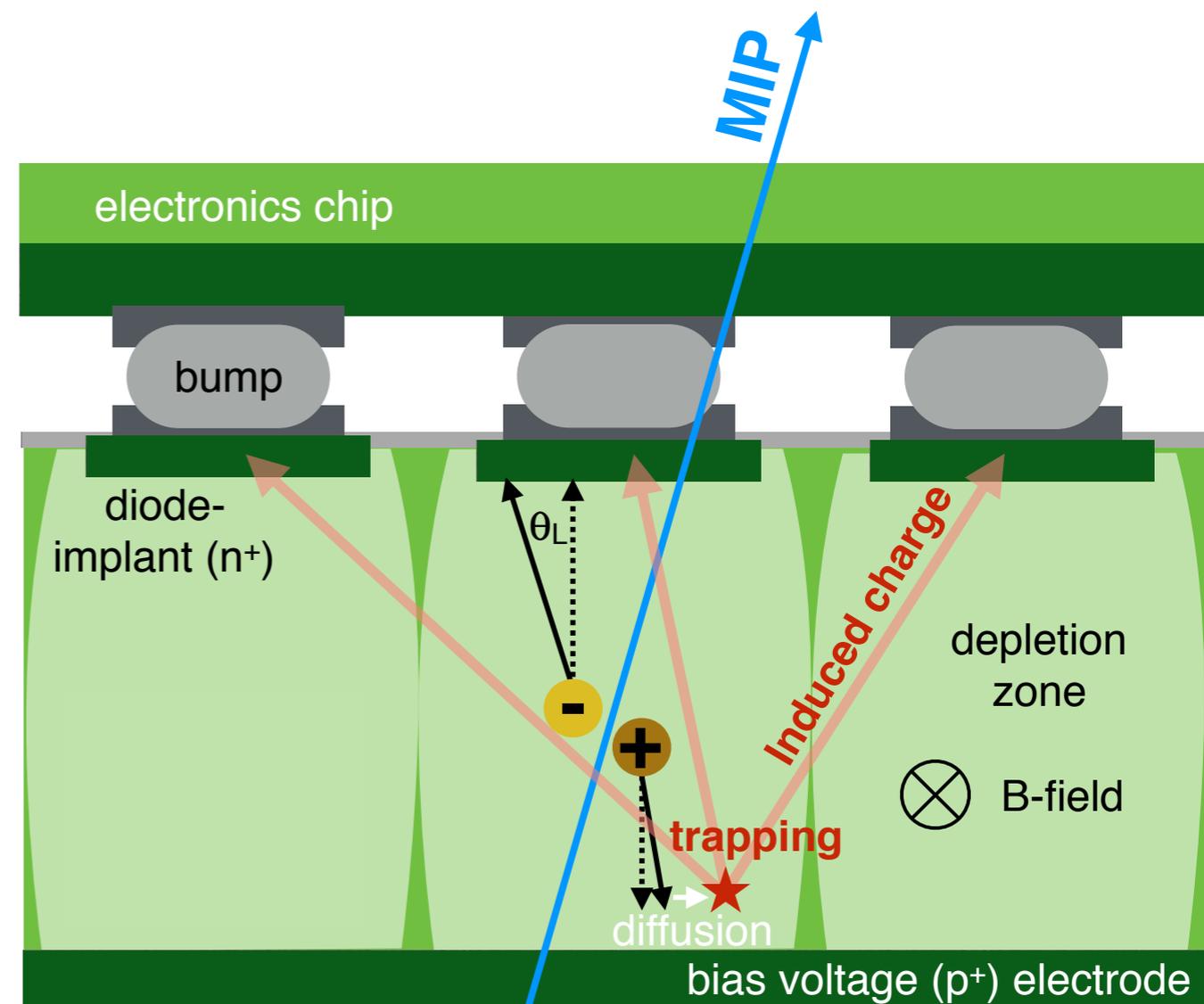
RD50 radiation damage model parameter set + uncertainty
Progress toward a combination of TCAD + annealing

Impact on physics / analysis observables (e.g. flavor tagging)
Compare methods between ATLAS/CMS/LHCb



The current LHC detectors are a great laboratory for radiation damage effects and are in great need of input from the community!

This Yellow Report marks the end of a chapter in the LHC history which will hopefully serve as an important reference for the HL-LHC and future colliders



Questions?

